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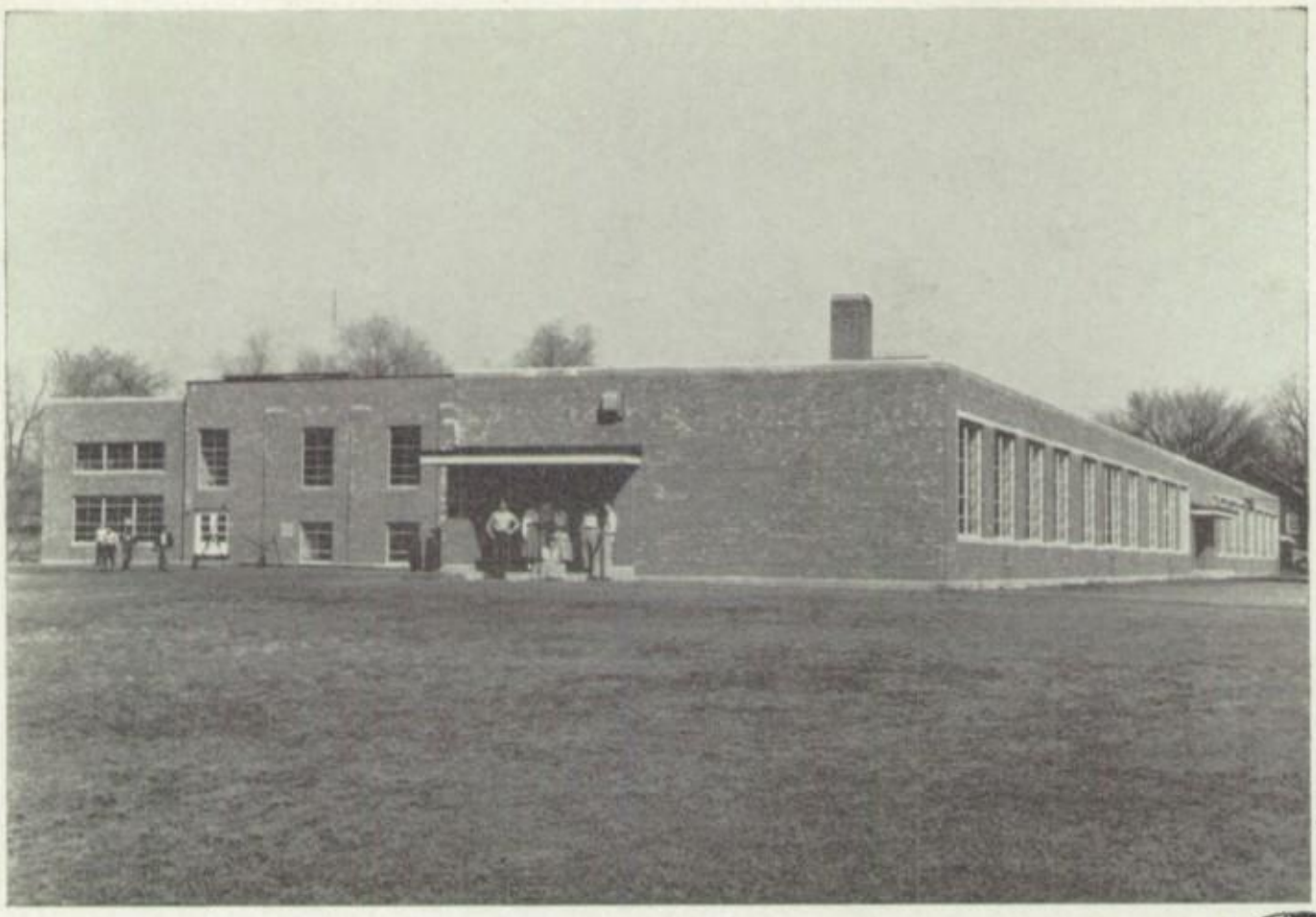

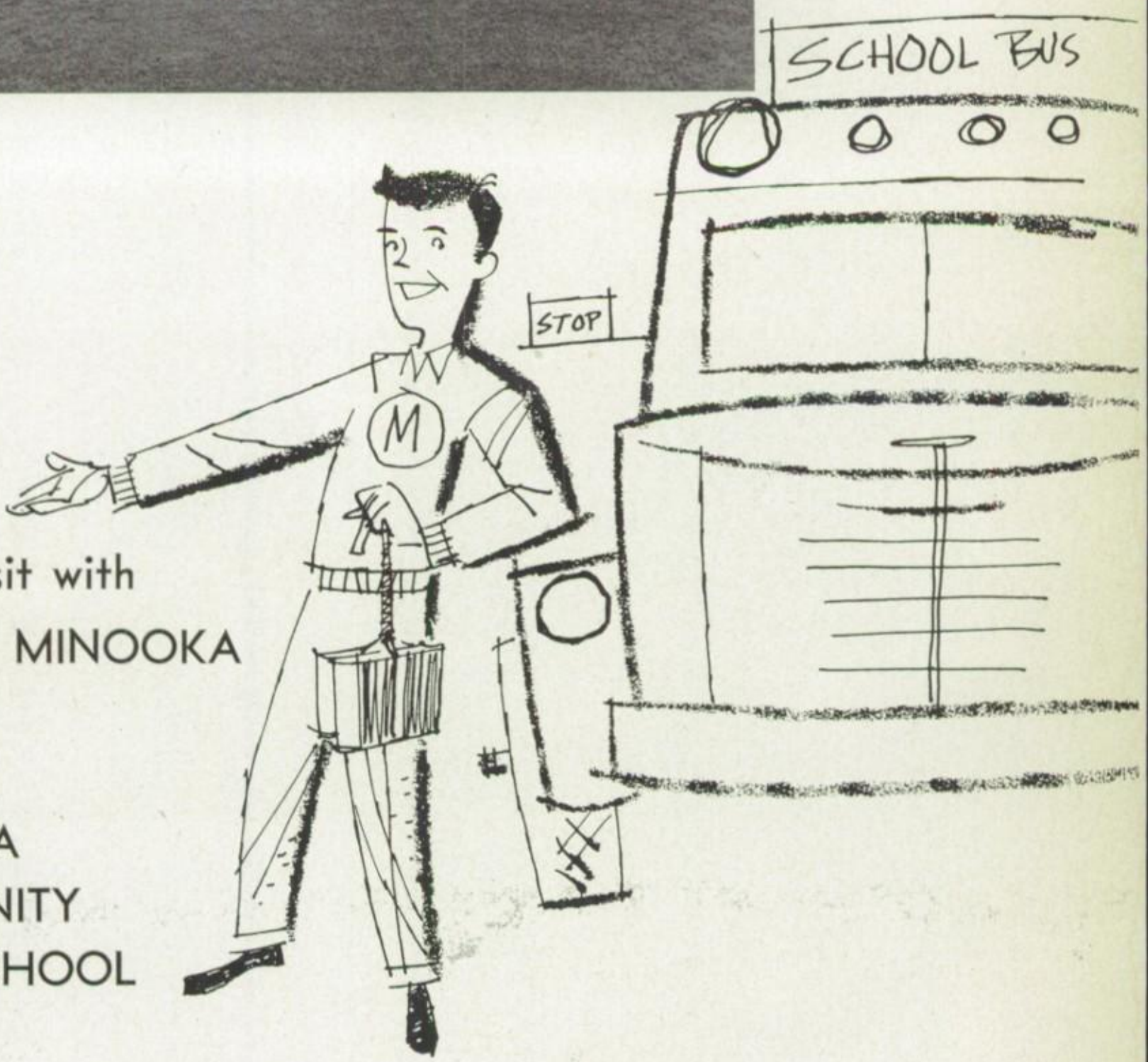

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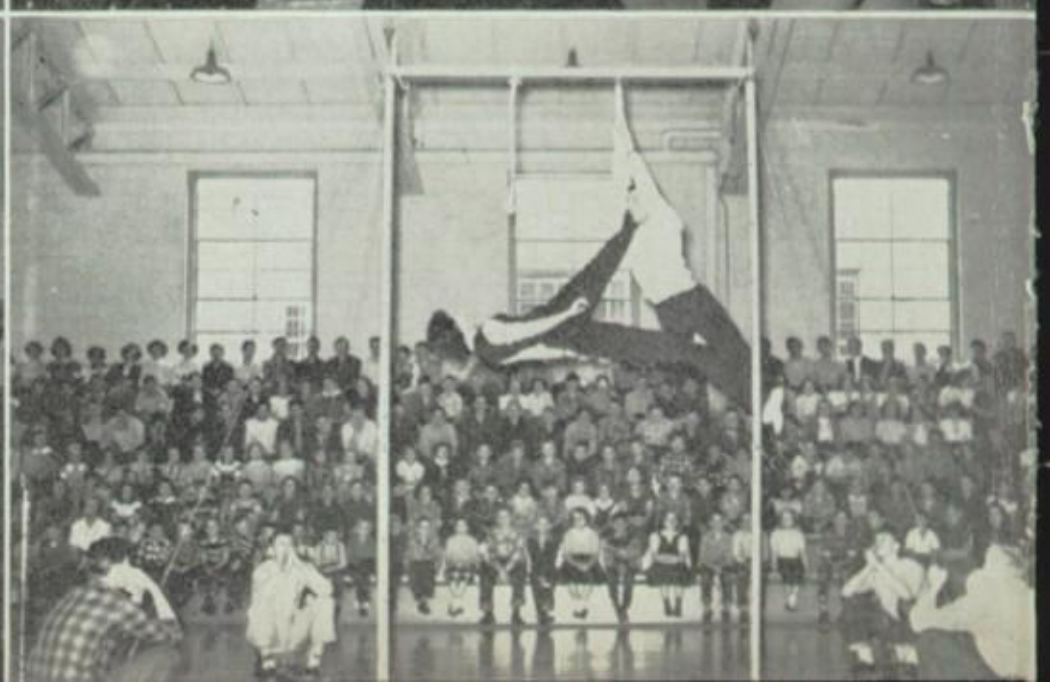
WE VISIT THE PAST YEAR . . .

Johnny Minooka would like you to be his guest on a tour through the halls of M.C.H.S. during the 1955 school year. We hope that this visit will help you get acquainted with the students and teachers.



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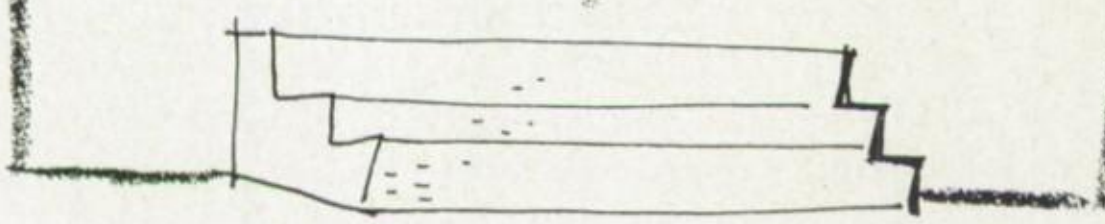

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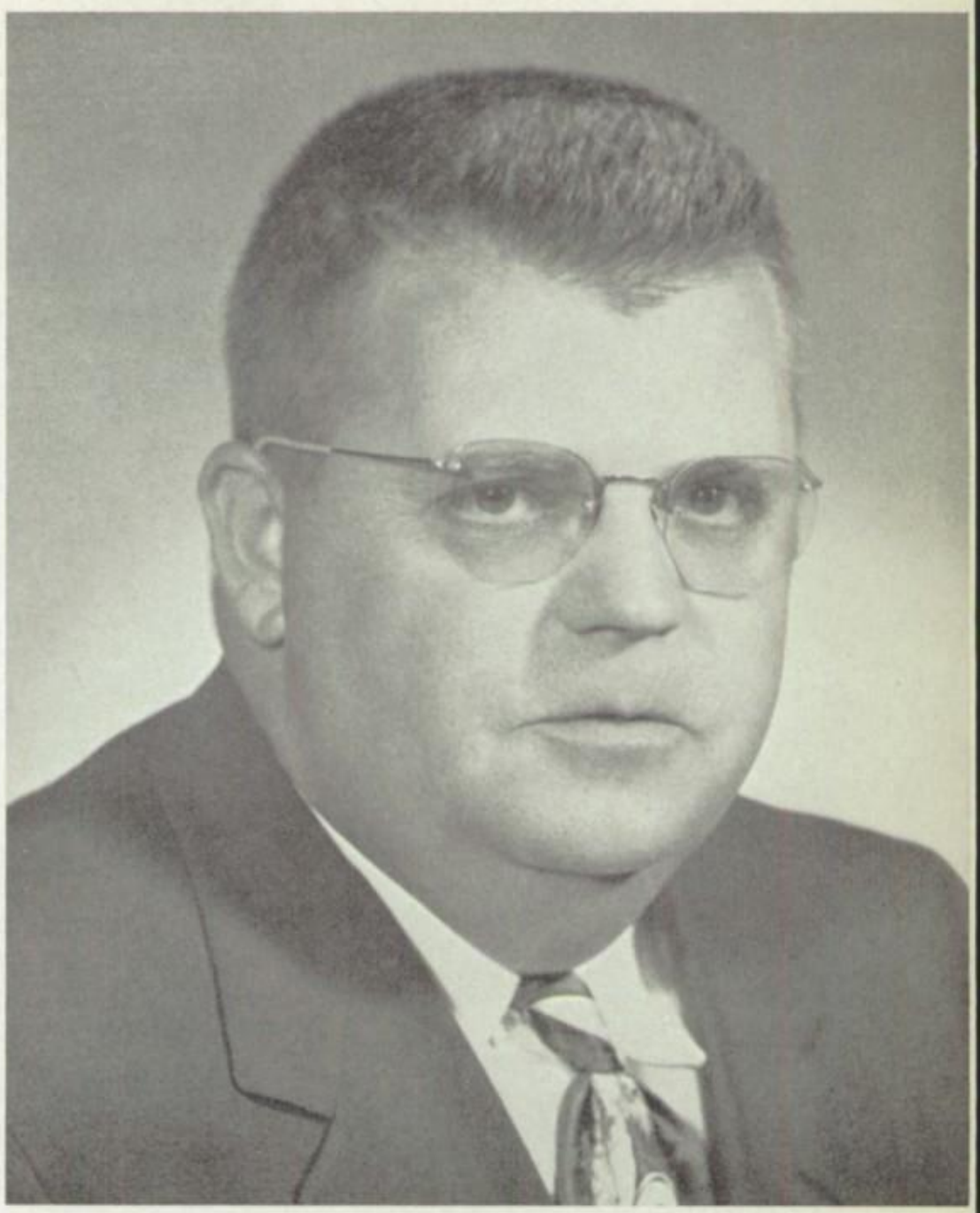

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BARBARA ALLEN
WALTER BRADLEY

PATRICK CONROY
ALMA COOP

CAROL DIXON
GERALD EMMERT

SENIORS
1955

BARBARA ANN ALLEN
June 28. Entered Freshman year from Ottawa; Honor Roll 3, 4; M-Di-An 4; Business Manager; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3, 4; Camera Club 4; Secretary; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Graduation Chorus 3; Christmas Pageant 1, 2, 3; District Music Contest 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

WALTER HAROLD BRADLEY
November 8. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Band 1, 2; Track 3; School Concerts 1, 2; District Music Contest 1, 2; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

PATRICK CHARLES CONROY
July 9. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; Baseball 3, 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

ALMA JOANNE COOP
August 8. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Treasurer 3; M-Di-An 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Staff 1; Advertising 2, 3; Editor 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Financial Chairman 3; President 4; Section Vice President 4; Camp Delegate 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; Treasurer 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Uniform Custodian 2; Librarian and Reporter 3; Vice President 4; Graduation Chorus 3; Christmas Pageant 1, 2, 3, 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; State Band Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; District Clarinet Solo 2, 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

CAROL LEE DIXON
June 21. Entered Freshman year from Troy Center School; M-Di-An 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Band 3, 4; Graduation Chorus 3; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 4; District Music Contest 3, 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

GERALD EMMERT
February 13. Entered Freshman year from Washington Grade School, Joliet; Secretary 2, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; Boys' Glee Club 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

1955 SENIORS

JAY ERICKSON
YVONNE FERGUSON

JOSEPH GUGLIELMETTI
LOIS JENNINGS

THOMAS KEMP
SOPHIE KONJEVICH

JAY H. ERICKSON
July 3. Entered Junior year from Joliet; Perfect Attendance 3; Vice President 4; M-Di-An 4; Photographic Editor; Camera Club 4; President; Basketball 3; Track 3, 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

YVONNE LUCILLE FERGUSON
April 6. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; M-Di-An 3, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Co-Editor; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club; 1, 3, 4; Graduation Chorus 3; Christmas Pageant 1, 3, 4; School Concerts 1, 3, 4; District Music Contest 3, 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

JOSEPH LEONARD GUGLIELMETTI
February 25. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Student Council 1; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 3; Vice President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

LOIS MARIE JENNINGS
June 2. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Student Council 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; M-Di-An 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Editor; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Welfare and Service 2; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; Graduation Chorus 1, 3; Christmas Pageant 1, 2, 3; School Concerts 1, 2, 3; District Music Contest 1, 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

THOMAS KEMP
June 17. Entered Junior year from Joliet; Student Council 4; M-Di-An 4; Band 3; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; District Music Contest 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

SOPHIE KONJEVICH
May 7. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; M-Di-An 2, 3, 4; Literary 2, 3; Literary Editor 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 2; Parliamentarian 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Graduation Chorus 1, 3; Christmas Pageant 1, 2, 3, 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 1, 3, 4; Camera Club 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

PAUL EDWARD McMILLIN
June 9. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Treasurer 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Band 1, 2; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

GORDON DAVID MURLEY
February 22. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 1; President 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Graduation Chorus 1; Christmas Pageant 1; School Concerts 1; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

BEVERLY DIANE SCHIMMEL
November 3. Entered Junior year from Chicago; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. H. A. 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 3, 4; Graduation Chorus 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

PAUL McMILLIN
GORDON MURLEY

BEVERLY SCHIMMEL
FERNE SCHIMMEL

EARL SHEARER
HENRY SING

EDWARD STEGMAN
PATRICIA TORKELSON

ALICE VAN CLEAVE
JUNE WILHELMI

FERNE ADELL SCHIMMEL

October 16. Entered Junior year from Chicago; Student Council 3; Vice President; Perfect Attendance 3, 4; M-Di-An 3, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. H. A. 3, 4; Camera Club 4; Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Vice President 3, President 4; Band 3, 4; Majorette; Christmas Pageant 3, 4; School Concert 3; District Music Contest 3; Cheerleader 4; Graduation Chorus 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

EARL LLOYD SHEARER

November 4. Entered from Minooka Grade School; Perfect Attendance 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4; M-Di-An 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contests 1, 2, 3, 4; All State Band 1; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

HENRY JOHN SING

October 13. Entered Freshman year from Jones School; Student Council 3; Honor Roll 1, 2; Perfect Attendance 1; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3, Secretary 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contests 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. State Band 1, 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

EDWARD STEGMAN

December 9. Entered from Minooka Grade School; Student Council 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1; M-Di-An 4; Photography Editor 4; Camera Club 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Christmas Pageant 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contests 1, 2, 3, 4; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

PATRICIA JEAN TORKELSON

February 25. Entered from Channahon Grade School; Honor Roll 3, 4; Class Vice President 2; M-Di-An 3, 4; Editor in Chief 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Service and Welfare 3, Vice President 4; Camera Club 4; Treasurer 4; Girls' Glee Club 3; Christmas Pageant 3; School Concerts 3; District Music Contest 3; Graduation Chorus 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

RUTH ALICE VAN CLEAVE

June 8. Entered from Guardian Angel Home; M-Di-An 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 3, 4; District Music Contest 3; Graduation Chorus 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

JUNE LOUISE WILHELMI

July 27. Entered Junior year from Saint Francis Academy; Student Council 4; President 4; M-Di-An 3, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Co-Editor; F. H. A. 3, 4; Song Leader 4; Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Vice President 4; Christmas Pageant 3, 4; School Concerts 3, 4; District Music Contest 3, 4; Cheerleader 3; Graduation Chorus 3; "You Can't Kiss Caroline" 3; "The Little Dog Laughed" 4.

Seniors

Senior days at M.C.H.S. are days never to be forgotten! The friends with whom you "chummed", the parties, and other social events, the teachers and underclassmen will become lasting memories to be stored away with the treasures of the "Good-Old-Days."

One can picture the Seniors walking in, with heads held high, proud of the fact that they were the (excuse the expression underclassmen) upperclassmen now.

It was early in September in the year 1954. The first event that had taken place was election of senior officers and to our amazement the boys seemed to rule in this event. Next on the calendar of "55" was the usual "Get-Acquainted Party" sponsored by the Seniors, welcoming all "freshies" and newcomers to our school.

On April 1, the Senior Class showed off their dramatic ability and presented the play *The Little Dog Laughed*. They all enjoyed preparing it, and felt greatly rewarded by the satisfaction of the audience.

Seniors got busy and sponsored a luncheon for the purpose of financing the day patiently looked forward to, "Senior Skip Day." Careful planning and co-operation of the class made it a wonderful experience which the Seniors will never forget.

Then there was the long awaited event — The Junior-Senior Prom. Since the Seniors didn't have the work of preparing it, they enjoyed it all the more. They say again, "Orchids to the Juniors for the swell prom." The Seniors in "thank you" entertained the Juniors with a weiner roast in May.

Of course the class had always been busy and was represented in many extracurricular activities. Seniors were represented in F.F.A. and F.H.A., Student Council, and Photography Club, and a few held offices in these clubs. The varsity squad in basketball listed Gordon Murley, Henry Sing, Tom Kemp, and Earl Shearer. Two senior girls, Lois Jennings and Ferne Schimmel, cheered the boys on to victory. Of course, seniors were in band, chorus, and also on the "Peace Pipe Chatter" staff.

Time flew by rapidly, and before they knew it their year was coming to an end.

Each minute of these four years can not be brought back again for they are gone forever, but the memory of these minutes will hold always! Graduation was drawing near. The coming of announcements and cards and caps and gowns made them realize that.

Baccalaureate services were May twenty-second. On Thursday evening, the twenty-sixth of May, they marched into the gymnasium for graduation exercises.

"Good Luck" future graduates and may all your memories be as happy as the ones the Class of "55" hold of their four years at M.C.H.S.

THE SENIOR DIARY

Dear Tom:

We were sorry that you were unable to attend our tenth annual class reunion, but of course *Sophie Konjevich,* the first woman president of the United States, couldn't spare you from your duties as the ambassador to Ireland.

We started from Midway Airport in Chicago. As we boarded the plane, we were delighted to see that *Lois Jennings* was the stewardess for our trip. We were so happy to see her that we didn't mind when she spilled most of our dinner on us. Just as we were getting ready to take off we saw two young men hurrying down the runway waving for the plane to wait. As they got on the plane, we were overjoyed to see that it was *Joe Guglielmetti* and *Jerry Emmert. Joe* is nationally famous for his many inventions, such as his automatic potholder. *Jerry* is the star outfielder for the New York Yankees, and he leads the league in getting hit in the head with fly balls.

Sitting behind us were *Joanne Coop* and *Gordon Murley. Joanne* is a famous novelist, her latest book being titled *The Private Life of a Bubble Dancer. Gordon* is a top agent for the FBI, having just recently solved the "Who's Got the Fox" mystery. Just across from us were *Yvonne Ferguson* and *Alice Van Cleave. Yvonne* is a top designer in Miami, her newest gown being a strapless model with built in flannel slacks for chilly evenings. *Alice* is the head of the mathematics department at the new University of Minooka. Alice always had a good--er--I mean she always liked figures. We had been air-borne for about an hour when the pilot came through, and we were glad to see it was *Jay Erickson. Jay* is the leading United Airlines pilot when it comes to being in the most crack-ups.

Later, when we landed in New York, we were much elated to see *Bev Schimmel* and *Pete McMillin* waiting to greet us. *Bev* is writing a lovelorn column for the Chicago Tribune under the name of Harriet Heart Throb, while *Pete,* besides having a family of eighteen, has for the last three years won the Indianapolis '500'.

We went by cab to the famous Spirit of '55 Nightclub, and waiting there for us was *Earl Shearer. Earl,* besides being the owner of this great club, is the major stockholder in the marble industry. We had just been seated when two beautiful young ladies bearing the names of *Ferne Schimmel* and *June Wilhelmi* entered, and we happily motioned them to our reserved tables. *Ferne* is a No. 1 movie starlet, her latest picture being "Henry Come Home." *June* is a top recording artist these days, her latest disc being "I Gave Dickey a Mickey."

We heard a car screech to a stop out in front and in it was *Hank Sing* and *Pat Conroy. Hank* is the coach of the University of Minooka basketball team which was ranked No. 1 last year — that is No. 1 in Minooka. *Pat* is president of a soft drink industry which features the famous Conroy Cola. *Pat* never touches the stuff himself though — "too strong," he says.

The waiter had just taken our orders when *Carol Dixon* zoomed in. *Carol* has been very busy lately as president of the National Society of Hot-Rodders. Right behind *Carol* were *Barbara Allen* and *Patsy Torkelson. Barbara* is a successful model these days. Next week she is going to model in the annual horse show. *Patsy* is the principal of the famous school of temper control, even though she had never been able to pass the course.

We were all talking over the good times we had back at good old Minooka High when in came *Walt Bradley* and *Mike Stegman. Walt* is a top man at the pentagon these days — he paints the flag pole. *Mike* is the Naval Commander of the Seventh Fleet—on the lake in Central Park.

We thought our guest of honor would never arrive but sure enough, in staggered, I mean walked—no I guess he did stagger, well, anyway it was our former favorite teacher *Mr. Sampson.*

Well now that everyone is here, the great reunion may begin. Sorry you couldn't be here, Tom, but we'll write to you later about the occasion.

Sincerely, (from the tune of the same name)
Class of '55

SENIOR AWARDS

Most Representative Students

The most representative students were chosen by their citizenship, participation in school activities, sports, social activities and personality. The boy and girl from the 1955 class chosen by popular vote of the students and faculty, were Joanne Coop and Gordon Murley.

American Legion Awards

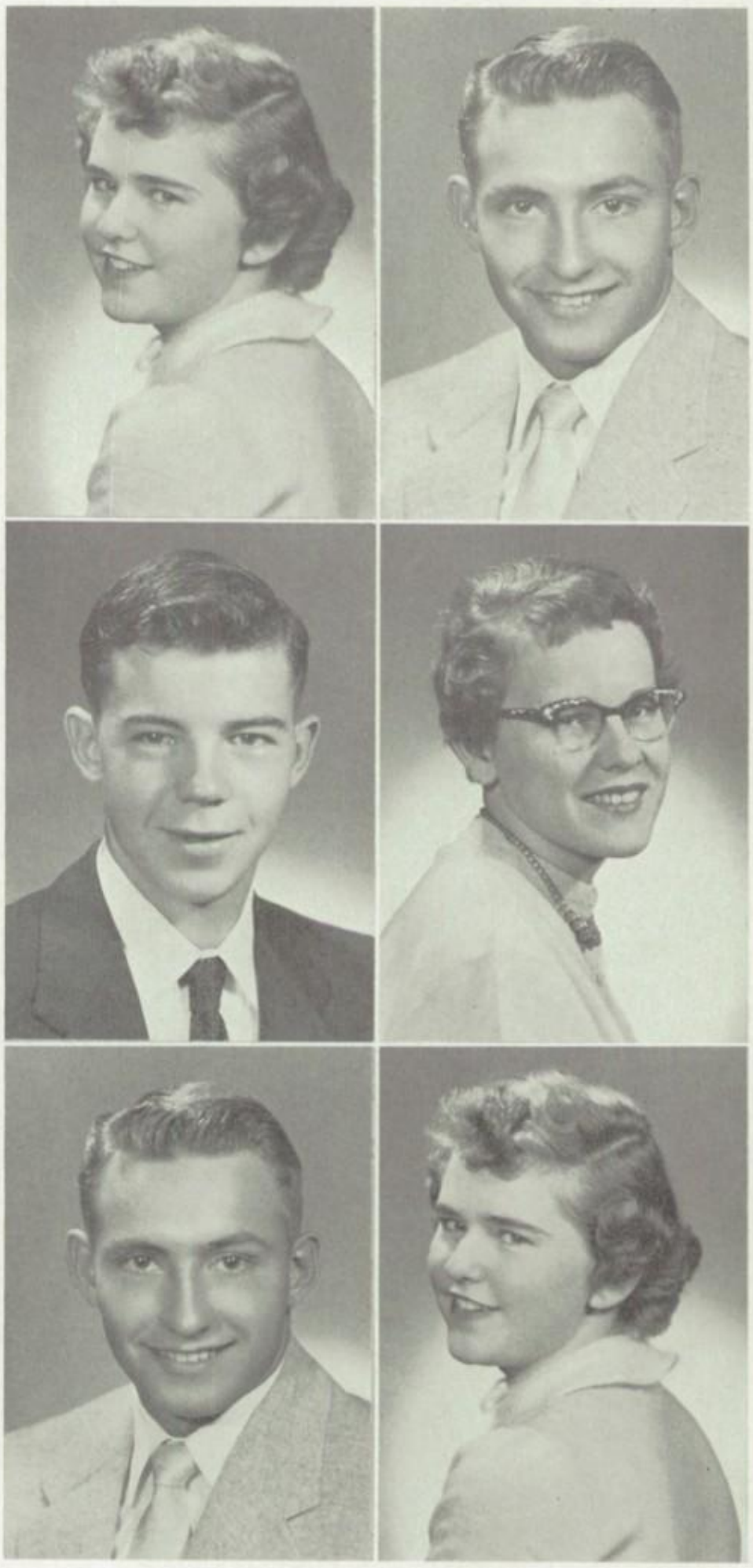
On the basis of Honor, Courage, Leadership, Scholarship, Companionship, Character and Service, the American Legion Post 1188 presents the American Legion Award. The boy and girl in the Senior class chosen by the student body and faculty, were Barbara Allen and Jay Erickson.

Woman's Club Award

This award is presented annually by the Woman's Club of Minooka, for the highest scholastic average for the four years of high school. The medal awarded by the Woman's Club was presented to Gordon Murley. Congratulations, Gordon.

D. A. R. Award

Based on the vote of the Senior class and faculty, Joanne Coop has been given the honor of this award. She was chosen on the basis of Dependability, Leadership, Service, and Patriotism to the school and community. This honor was bestowed upon our high school by the Alida C. Bliss Chapter of Grundy County.



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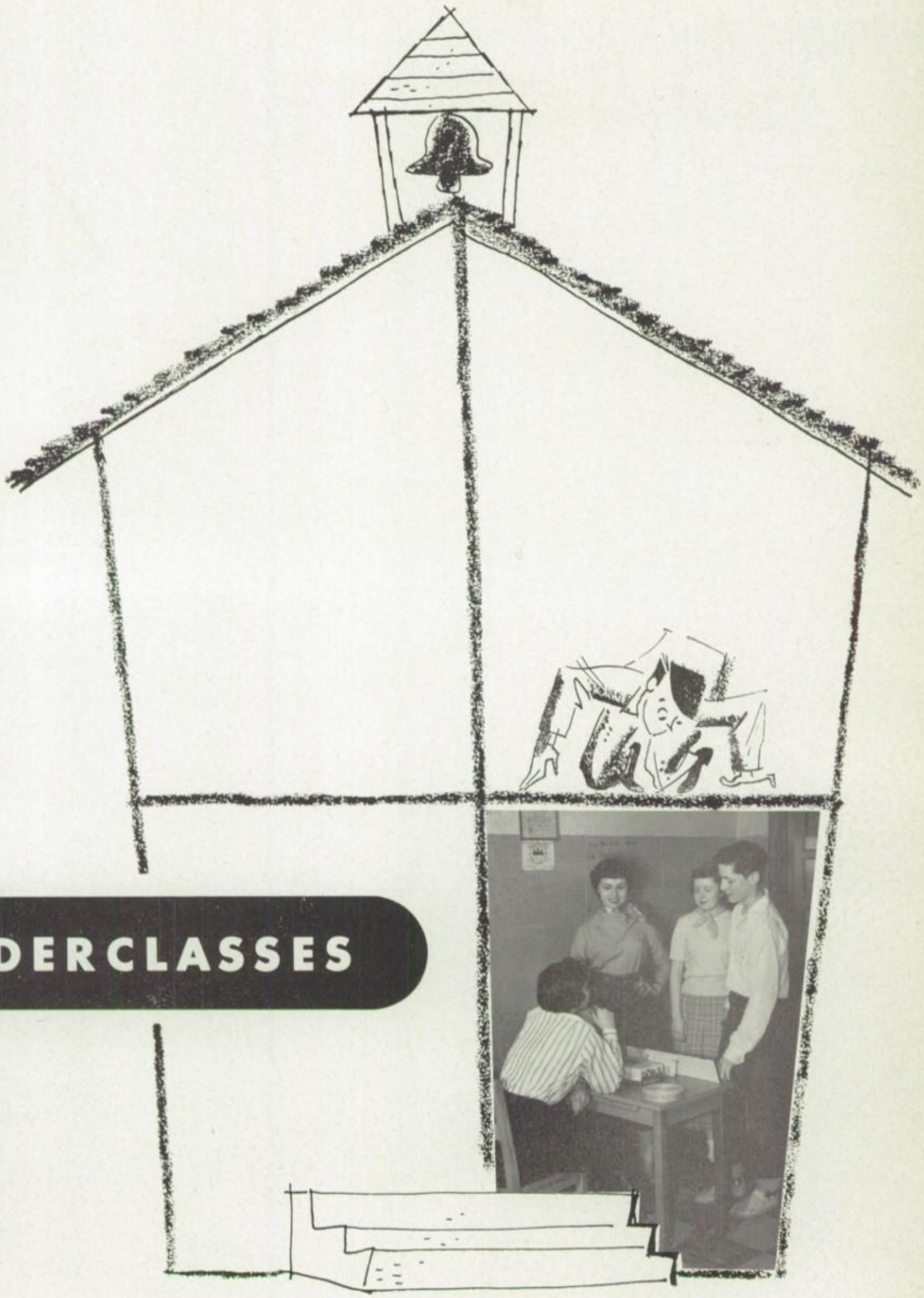

UNDERCLASSES

THE JUNIORS

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President ..... James Hancock
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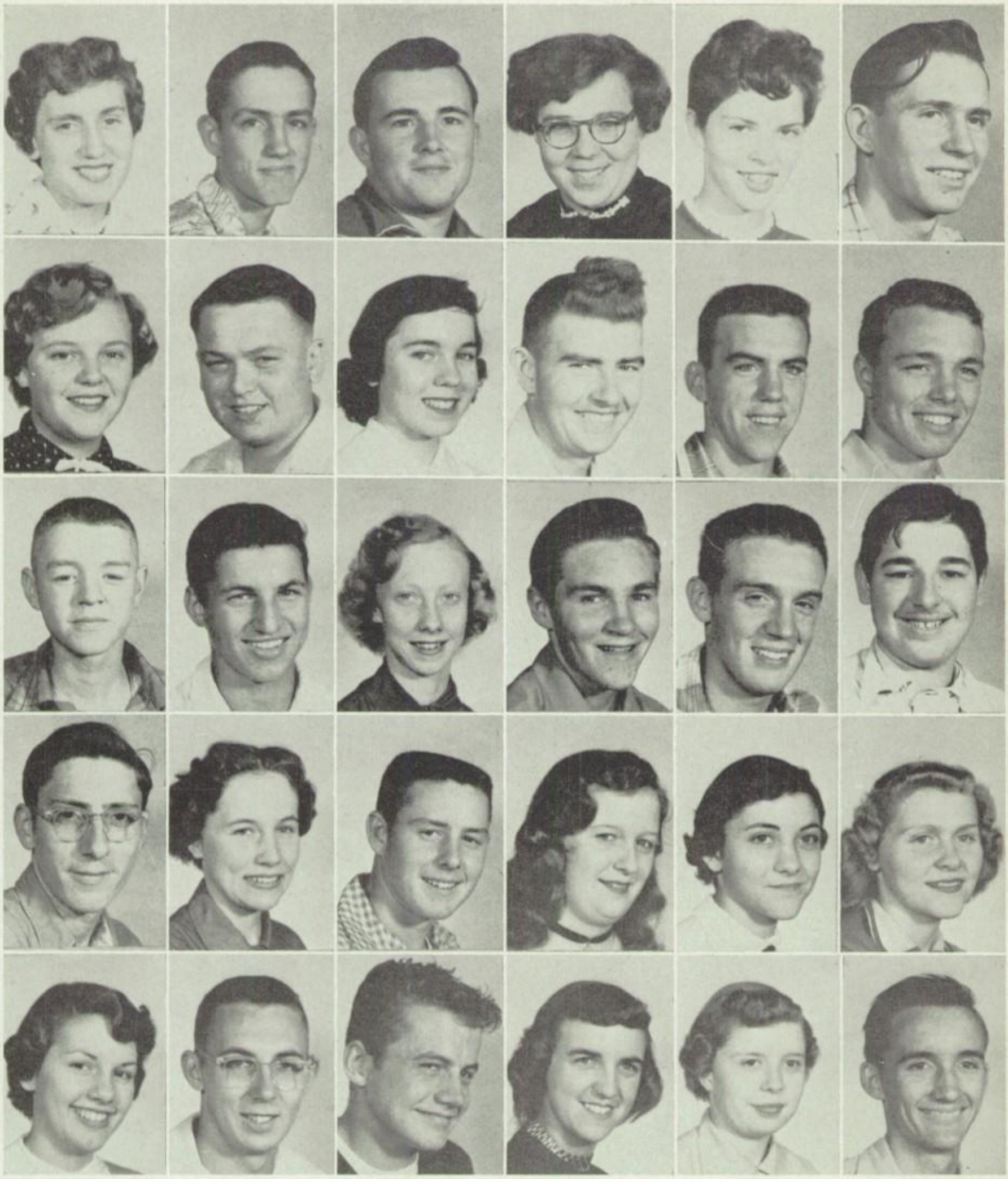
Treasurer ..... Robert Turner
Secretary ..... Aileen Torkelson
Advisor ..... Mr. Hentze

Karen Sandstrom, Robert Turner, Aileen Torkelson, James Hancock



FIRST ROW: Margaret Avery, Harold Breen, Joseph Breen, Dora Buell, Caryl Churchill, John Duvall.
SECOND ROW: Janet Erickson, Gerald Feeney, Joan Feeney, Loran Good, Gary Hadaway, James Hancock.
THIRD ROW: Keith Knudson, Danny Konjevich, Carol Lundstrom, John McKanna, Russell Miller, Frank Pehlke.
FOURTH ROW: David Perona, Karen Sandstrom, John Severson, Edna Smith, Marilyn Stafford, Judith Todd.
FIFTH ROW: Aileen Torkelson, Robert Turner, LeRoy Vaksdal, Nancy Vickery, Rosemary Vickery, Theodore Wendell.

THE JUNIORS

The Class of 1956 started their Minooka High School days in 1953. They have decreased in number of members from thirty-eight to twenty-nine during their three years of high school.

In September, they passed the third milestone of their high school career. With the help of their advisor, Mr. Hentze, they elected the following class officers: James Hancock, president; Karen Sandstrom, vice-president; Aileen Torkelson, secretary; and Robert Turner, treasurer. Joan Feeney and Gary Hadaway represented them in Student Council. They were especially proud of Gary, because he was elected secretary of the council.

James Hancock, John Severson, Robert Turner, and Russell Miller were on the varsity basketball squad. Many of the boys were on the junior basketball squad, and LeRoy Vaksdal was a team manager. Marilyn Stafford was chosen one of the cheerleaders.

Band members from this class were: Caryl Churchill, Janet Erickson, Joan Feeney, Gary Hadaway, James Hancock, Russell Miller, David Perona, Karen Sandstrom, John Severson, Marilyn Stafford, Robert Turner, LeRoy Vaksdal, and Ted Wendell. The Juniors were also well represented in F. H. A., F. F. A., and chorus.

One of the most exciting days of the junior years was November 12, 1954. That evening they presented the Junior Class play entitled *No More Homework*. Some of the main characters were Aileen Torkelson as Pam, Russell Miller as Buzz, LeRoy Vaksdal, as "Tick" Tok, and Carol Lundstrom as Mrs. Ratchet.

Juniors were really happy when they ordered their class rings in November! They waited for a long time, but the thrill was worth the delay when the rings came after Christmas.

Of course, the big project for the year was sponsoring the 1955 Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom. Sale of Christmas greetings of various kinds gave them a good start toward financing the enterprise. Profits from operating the refreshment concession at athletic events increased the amount in the treasury so that they were able to carry out their plans. The Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom was truly the gala occasion of the year and the highlight of their Junior year.

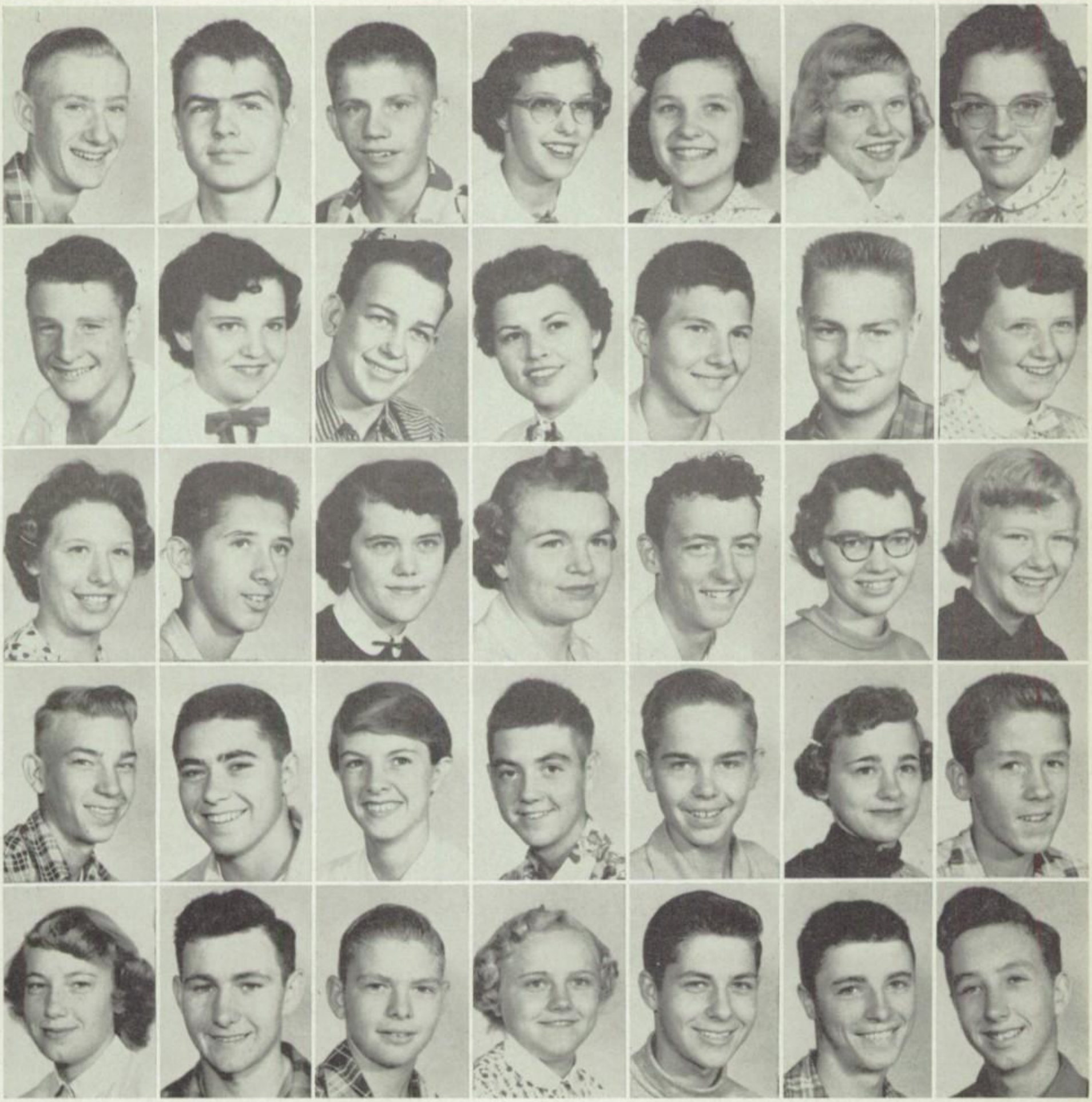
HERE 'N' THERE

THE SOPHOMORES

OFFICERS

President ..... Beverly Cook
Vice President ..... Charles Brown
Treasurer ..... John Stegman
Secretary ..... Karen Brown
Advisor ..... Miss Kasak

Beverly Cook, John Stegman, Charles Brown, Karen Brown, Miss Kasak.



FIRST ROW: Dean Ahasay, Andrew Anderson, Gerald Anderson, Phyllis Baker, Jeanen Bohnstengel, Betty Borders, Marilyn Bretsch.

SECOND ROW: Charles Brown, Karen Brown, Ray Burkhalter, Beverly Cook, Ronald Dirst, Ralph Ditch, Betty Lou Forbes.

THIRD ROW: Linda Frederick, William Frederick, Joyce Greenbeck, Jacqueline Hancock, Robert Karr, Joan Knudson, Ruth Montgomery.

FOURTH ROW: Donald Murley, Thomas Murley, Karen Nichols, Lenard Olson, Leonard Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Robert Sage.

FIFTH ROW: Laverne Spencer, William Stafford, John Stegman, Margaret Vaksdal, Robert Wilhelmi, Leo Winkel, Richard Zarley.

THE SOPHOMORES

The class of 1957 started its Freshmen year with thirty-six members. During our first year we lost Charles K. Brown. Through summer vacation Edyth Turner moved away. This year, shortly after school started, we lost Dean Ahasay and Edward Wren, but through the year we gained three new members—Laverne Spencer, Raymond Burkhalter, and Joe Schuck. Our ranks now total thirty-five.

Soon after school started we, with the help of our advisor Miss Kasak, elected our class officers. They were: Beverly Cook, president; Charles Brown, vice-president; Karen Brown, secretary; and John Stegman, treasurer. Our representatives on Student Council are Tom Murley and Joan Knudson.

Ten boys from our class were out for basketball. On the varsity squad as regulars were Tom Murley and Charles Brown. Ronald Dirst, John Stegman, Bill Frederick, Robert Karr, Robert Wilhelmi, Leonard Peterson, and Andrew Anderson were on the frosh-soph squad.

Our class can boast about having ten members on the honor roll during their Sophomore year, six members in the advanced band, and many representatives in other organizations.

The Sophomore class, under the assistance of Miss Kasak, sponsored an all-school Valentine Party, which we enjoyed very much.

CLIMBING UP

THE FRESHMEN

OFFICERS

President ..... Harold Saltzman
Vice President ..... Alden Erickson
Treasurer ..... Janet Borders
Secretary ..... Barbara Morgan
Advisor ..... Miss Holt

Barbara Morgan, Janet Borders, Alden Erickson, Harold Saltzman.

FIRST ROW: Patricia Anderson, Bobbie Avery, Phyllis Avery, Barbara Binkele, Janet Borders, Bill Brewer, Robert Chernisky.

SECOND ROW: Elizabeth Contracieri, Alden Erickson, John Findlay, Margaret Good, Charlene Heap, Arthur Hutchinson, Vada Knudson.

THIRD ROW: Milos Konjevich, Margaret Ann McCoy, Donald McHugh, Barbara Morgan, Tom Morgan, Tom Parris, Joanne Patten.

FOURTH ROW: Leona Pehlke, Richard Pehlke, Don Sage, Harold Saltzman, DuWayne Schuman, Lois Severson, Glenn Sing.

FIFTH ROW: Beverly Todd, Lawrence Todd, Raymond Vickery, Virginia Wallin, Kathryn Williams, James Winkler.

THE FRESHMEN

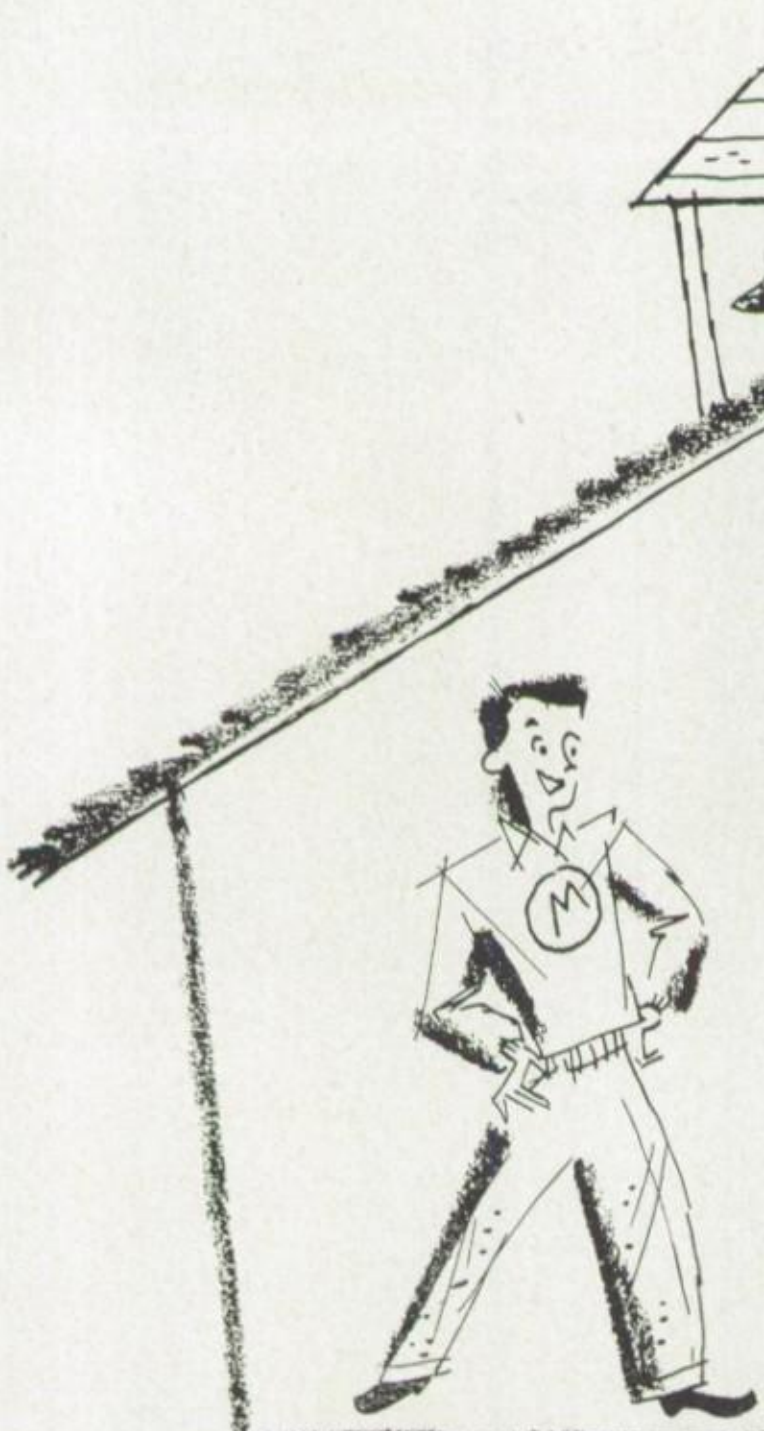
We, the Freshman class, are proud to be a part of Minooka High School. We will do our part to keep up the school spirit and will try to be worthy of our school. After the very difficult process of selecting candidates, we elected the following officers: Harold Saltzman, president; Alden Erickson, vice-president; Barbara Morgan, secretary; and Janet Borders, treasurer. The two elected to represent our class as Student Council members were Kathryn Williams and Milos Konjevich. Our class was well represented in chorus, band, and on the honor roll. Miss Holt was our advisor.

The Freshmen are proud to say that three of the boys were able to play as "subs" on the varsity team. They were Larry Todd, Alden Erickson, and James Winkler.

We are hoping that the Freshman class can stay together through the remaining years of school at M.C.H.S.

FROTHING FROSH

AROUND THE CAMPUS



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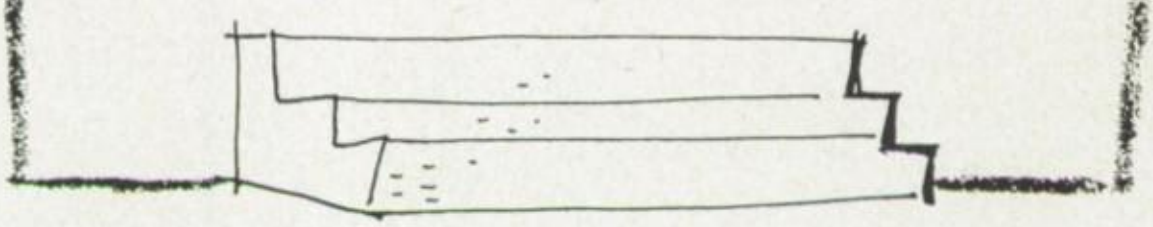

FIRST ROW: Edward Stegman, Joanne Coop, Patricia Torkelson, Barbara Allen, Sophie Konjevich, Jay Erickson, Mr. Sampson, Advisor.

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FOURTH ROW: Joyce Greenbeck, Phyllis Baker, Thomas Kemp, Gerald Feeney, Russell Miller, James Hancock, LeRoy Vaksdal, Robert Turner, Caryl Churchill, Karen Sandstrom.

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The publication of the M-DI-AN is a task that is undertaken annually by the staff members and their assistants. This year the staff officers met every Monday night to make it possible to have the book completed before the close of the school year.

To lower the cost of our annual, the student body sold magazine subscriptions and raffle tickets. The sale of advertising space to patrons in Morris, Joliet, Channahon, and Minooka greatly diminished the cost to the students. The seniors, and the advisor, Mr. Sampson, assume the responsibility of preparing the copy for the M-DI-AN. Most of the students help with this publication in some way.

The two main purposes of our annual are to capture memories for alumni and to stress the outstanding educational achievements of our various departments.

PEACE PIPE CHATTER

This is the fourteenth year that the office practice class has published the Peace Pipe Chatter. With the aid of our advisor, Mr. Sampson, we issue this newspaper once a month.

Our newspaper is exchanged with that of many surrounding schools. It is also sent to subscribers and to graduates who are in the armed forces. Two hundred and fifty copies are given to the students of Minooka Schools.

Yvonne Ferguson, June Wilhelmi, and Lois Jennings served as co-editors for the school year. The other members of the staff took turns acting as reporters and writing articles about various activities.

In the Peace Pipe Chatter are items of interest to the students, including the honor roll, record of perfect attendance, reports of interviews, social chatter, class news, sports write-ups, and accounts of other activities of M.C.H.S.

SEATED: Alice Van Cleave, Yvonne Ferguson, June Wilhelmi, Mr. Sampson, Advisor.
STANDING: Barbara Allen, Sophie Konjevich, Patricia Torkelson, Lois Jennings, Earl Shearer, Beverly Schimmel, Janet Erickson.

FIRST ROW: Barbara Allen, June Wilhelmi, Patricia Torkelson, Joanne Coop, Aileen Torkelson, Rosemary Vickery, Janet Erickson, Joan Feeney, Mrs. Ricketts.

SECOND ROW: Carol Lundstrom, Dora Buell, Nancy Vickery, Judith Todd, Marilyn Stafford, Karen Sandstrom, Caryl Churchill, Margaret Avery, Edna Smith.

THIRD ROW: Alice Van Cleave, Yvonne Ferguson, Carol Dixon, Lois Jennings, Ferne Schimmel, Beverly Schimmel, Sophie Konjevich.

FUTURE HOME MA

The Minooka Chapter is a unit of the Illinois Association of F.H.A., which is chartered by the national organization of the Future Homemakers of America.

In the past year the membership of our chapter was fifty-seven girls. To become a member each girl must have completed one semester in home economics. Two meetings are held each month on the first and third Wednesdays. This year the first meeting of the month was a business meeting, and the second meeting, an educational-social meeting.

The motto of this organization is "Toward New Horizons"; the flower, a red rose; and the colors, red and white. The theme of our Minooka Chapter was "careers". This theme was carried out in the program planning book for the year. The chapter has eight purposes which are:

(1) To promote a growing appreciation of joys and satisfactions of homemaking.

(2) To emphasize the importance of worthy home membership.

(3) To encourage democracy in home and community life.

(4) To work for good home and family life for all.

(5) To promote international good will.

(6) To foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life.

(7) To further interest in home economics.

(8) To provide wholesome individual and group recreation.

The officers for 1954-1955 were:
President: Joanne Coop
Vice President: Patsy Torkelson
Secretary: Joan Feeney
Treasurer: Barbara Allen
Finance Chairman: Rosemary Vickery
Welfare and Service Chairman: Margaret Vaksdal

FIRST ROW: Beverly Cook, Marilyn Bretsch, Karen Brown, Karen Nichols, Joan Knudson, Margaret Vaksdal, Betty Borders, Lois Severson, Mrs. Ricketts.

SECOND ROW: Vada Knudson, Joanne Patten, Barbara Binkele, Elizabeth Contracieri, Leona Pehlke, Ruth Montgomery, Joyce Greenbeck, Betty Forbes, Linda Frederick, Jeanen Bohnstengel.

THIRD ROW: Jacqueline Hancock, Margaret McCoy, Laverne Spencer, Phyllis Baker, Sharon Peterson, Virginia Wallin, Patricia Anderson, Phyllis Avery, Margaret Good.

FOURTH ROW: Barbara Morgan, Janet Borders, Kathryn Williams, Charlene Heap, Beverly Todd.

K E R S O F A M E R I C A

Reporter and Publicity Chairman: Janet Erickson
Parliamentarian: Karen Brown
Degrees Chairman: Aileen Torkelson
Song Leader: June Wilhelmi
Chapter Mother: Mrs. Gordon Sampson
Advisor: Mrs. Vira B. Ricketts

The year's activities started in October with a report by Joanne Coop on F.H.A. Camp, which she attended in July at Bloomington. U. N. Day was observed by listening to a report of what United Nations Day means and playing a game and singing songs.

The first week in November was set aside for National F.H.A. Week. An activity in which each girl participated was planned for each day of the week. The new members were formally initiated in a candle light service at the end of November.

A Christmas party was held in December at which we had an exchange of gifts. The chapter also attended a Christmas party in Plainfield.

The month of January was highlighted by a talk by our Chapter Mother, Mrs. Sampson. Her topic was "Good Grooming for Your Job."

Our one big event of the year was the Mother-Daughter Banquet in April. At that time we held installation of the officers for the coming year.

To finance activities we had to raise money. To do this we held a bake sale, sponsored milk sales, and checked coats. The F.H.A. also sold shampoo to get an electric roaster that will be used in the home economics department.

The Section 19 Leadership Rally was held in November at Minooka. Participating was Joanne Coop who was the Section Vice-President. The spring rally was held at Lincoln-Way School in March with the F.H.A. girls attending.

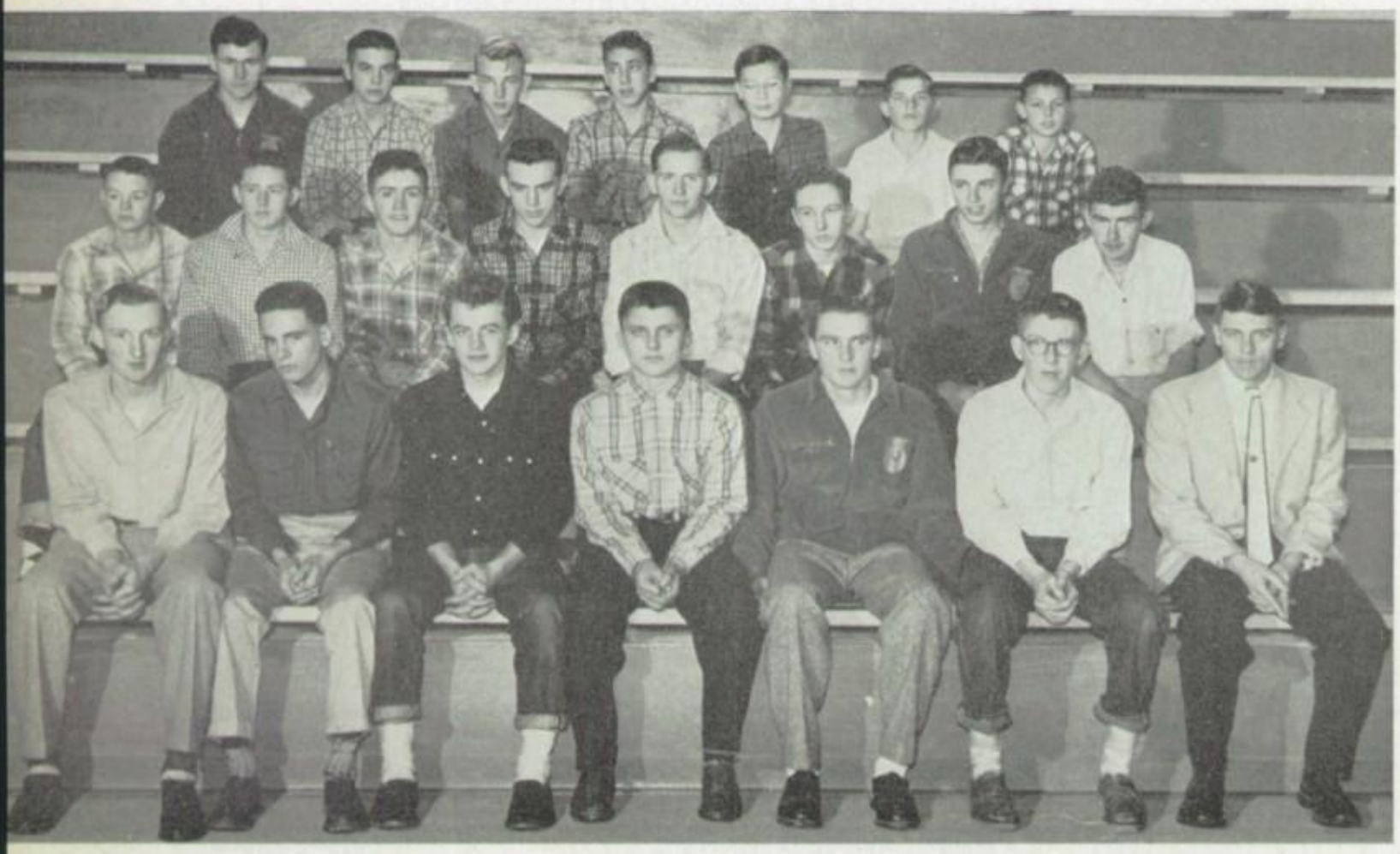
FUTURE FARME

The Minooka Chapter of the F.F.A., as in past years, was very active. John Severson and Gary Hadaway represented our chapter at the annual State Convention held in Springfield, June 8-11, 1954. Henry Sing was a member of the State Band which performed for the convention. Many of the members exhibited livestock at the Section Eight Livestock Show held on August 9 in Ottawa. September 19 was the date of the annual tractor rodeo — an exciting event. Alden Erickson drove very skillfully and, as a result, won first place in the F.F.A. division. Other winners were: Gary Hadaway, John Duvall, Joe Guglielmetti, Leo Winkel, Lenard Olson, and Keith Knudson. All of the boys made a good showing of themselves and deserve a lot of credit.

OFFICERS

President	Paul McMillin
Vice President	Joseph Guglielmetti
Treasurer	LeRoy Vaksdal
Secretary	Henry Sing
Reporter	John Severson
Sentinel	Keith Knudson
Advisor	Mr. Wilken

FIRST ROW: Henry Sing, Joseph Guglielmetti, LeRoy Vaksdal, John Findlay, Joe Schuck, Glenn Sing, Mr. Wilken.
SECOND ROW: Keith Knudson, John Severson, Paul McMillin, Gary Hadaway, John Duvall, Richard Zarley, Leo Winkel, Loran Good.
THIRD ROW: William Stafford, Lenard Olson, Donald Murley, Richard Pehlke, Arthur Hutchinson, Milos Konjevich, Donald Sage.



R S O F A M E R I C A

The agriculture classes made a number of field trips during the school year. Among the more interesting excursions taken was the trip to the International Livestock Show on December 2, 1954. This was the show attended by the frosh-soph agriculture class. They saw all the exhibits and also the horse show. The junior-senior class went to Chicago to see the Ice Show. All the boys had a grand time.

Mr. Wilken managed to promote a swimming program for the F.F.A. at the Y.M.C.A. All the boys that went had a good time.

New games were tried during the meetings this year. The boys made shuffleboard sets and a dart game in the shop. Some of the boys put on boxing gloves, which proved to be the most active recreation of all.

John Findlay entered the annual Section Eight Public Speaking Contest held at Ottawa on March 23. He placed third. The F.F.A. Banquet was held April 13 for the boys and their parents. John Findlay gave his contest speech, and Mr. Wilken's square dance group performed. Project slides were shown. The F.H.A. did a wonderful job serving us. We returned the favor by serving their banquet on April 27.

Mr. Wilken made a trip to Europe last summer and brought back many interesting slides and souvenirs. He also told us about the way they live and farm. Altogether, Mr. Wilken and all the boys had a very active and interesting year.

SEATED: Henry Sing, Paul McMillin, Joseph Guglielmetti, LeRoy Vaksdal, John Severson.
STANDING: Mr. Wilken, Keith Knudson.

CAMERA CLUB

Since a great many of the students at M.C.H.S. have always shown an intense interest in the various aspects of photography, a survey was conducted to determine whether a camera club would be feasible. The results of the questionnaire were very encouraging; and, our club was formed.

The first meeting of the club was held on January 24, 1955. The twenty-five members, representing all four high school grades, selected "Shutter Bugs" to be the name of the club.

The club was organized for the purpose of learning how to take, develop, and print pictures. We took pictures to be used in the M-Di-An. The meetings were held on the first Wednesday of every month.

For money making projects the members decided to sponsor a skating party and to develop pictures for the students.

All in all, we think we had a very successful year and hope it can be even more so next year.

The officers for the year were:

President ..... Jay Erickson
Vice President ..... Russell Miller
Secretary ..... Barbara Allen
Treasurer ..... Patricia Torkelson
Advisor ..... Mr. Sampson

FIRST ROW: Mr. Sampson, Advisor, Carol Lundstrom, Aileen Torkelson, Nancy Vickery, Barbara Binkele, Joanne Patten, Karen Nichols, Karen Brown, Barbara Allen, Patricia Torkelson.

SECOND ROW: Marilyn Bretsch, Dora Buell, Edna Smith, Ruth Montgomery, Janet Borders, Virginia Wallin, Ferne Schimmel, Sophie Konjevich, Beverly Cook, Margaret Vaksdal, Betty Borders.

THIRD ROW: Karen Sandstrom, Joan Knudson, Tom Parris, Bill Brewer, Jay Erickson, Edward Stegman, Gerald Feeney, Russell Miller, John McKanna.

FOURTH ROW: Theodore Wendell, Loran Good, Ralph Ditch, Glenn Sing, LeRoy Vaksdal.

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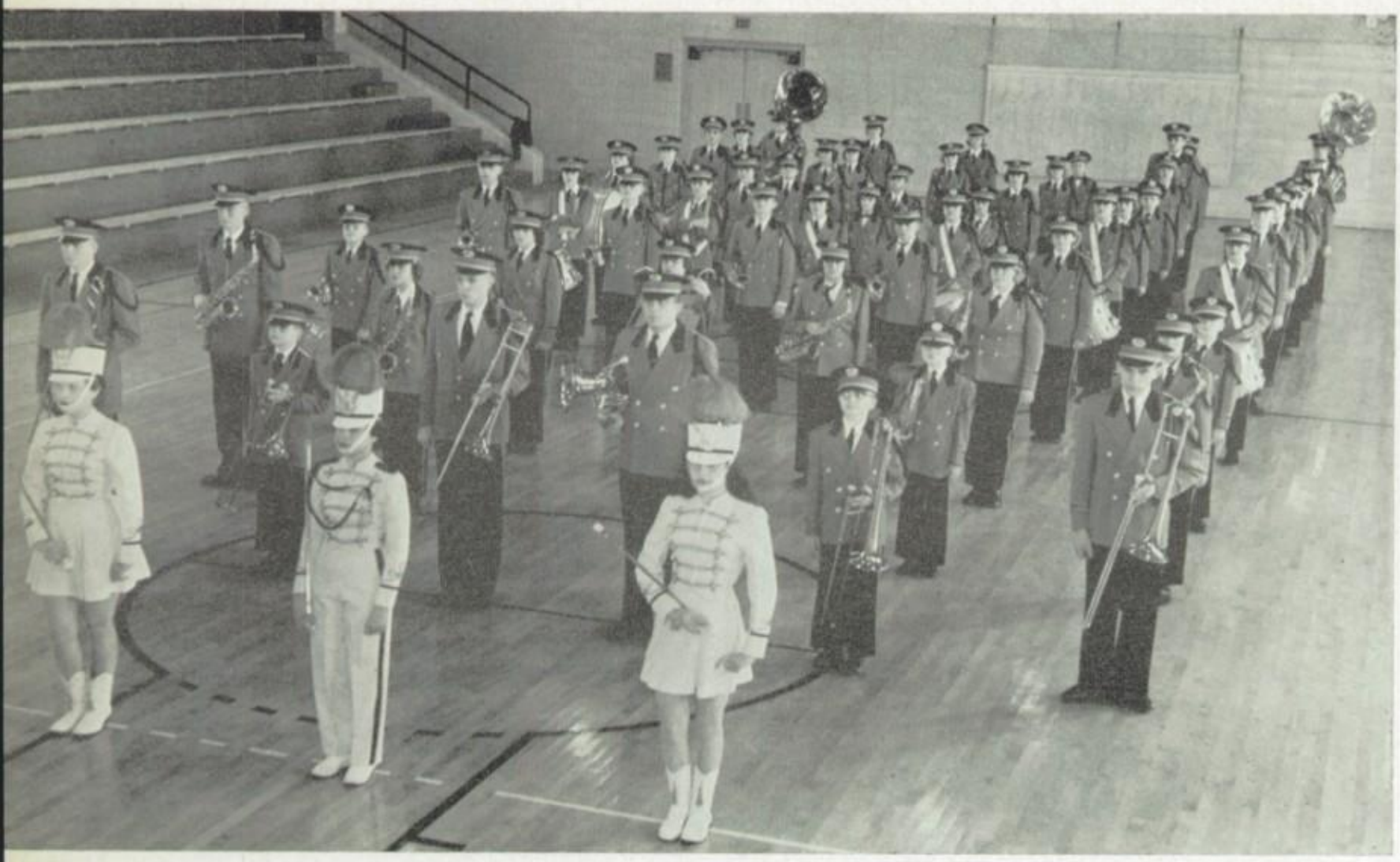
FOURTH ROW: Edna Smith, Dora Buell, Janet Erickson, Virginia Wallin, Joanne Patten, Leona Pehlke, Barbara Binkele, Karen Nichols, Joyce Greenbeck, Beverly Schimmel, June Wilhelmi.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Girls' Glee Club started with a membership of forty-two students. We elected the following officers: president, Ferne Schimmel; vice-president, June Wilhelmi; secretary, Carol Dixon; treasurer, Joanne Coop; librarians, Marilyn Bretsch and Judy Todd; board of directors, Karen Nichols, Rosemary Vickery, and Lois Severson; accompanist, Karen Sandstrom; and director, Mr. McAllister.

After we elected officers, we decided to name our glee club "The Voices of Minooka." Our first appearance was the Christmas program when the grade and high school choruses sang Christmas songs and the audience joined in on Christmas carols. The glee club sang both sacred and secular music. This group practiced every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for forty minutes.

We are very proud of our glee club, "The Voices of Minooka."



CONCERT BAND

The concert band with its sixty members has been very active this year. Some of the activities of the year were: The Plano Centennial, the Elwood Centennial, the Morris Corn Festival — at which we won first prize, the Veterans' Day Parade, the Plainfield Homecoming, Grade School Halloween Parade, Minooka Homecoming, and various other parades in Minooka. The band played for the annual Christmas program and presented the spring and winter concerts. In the winter concert Minooka Band combined with the Joliet Legion Band.

The officers for the year were: president, Edward Stegman; vice-president, Joanne Coop; secretary, Russell Miller; treasurer, Earl Shearer; uniform custodians, Jacqueline Hancock and Karen Sandstrom; librarians, Ruth Montgomery and Elizabeth Contracieri; band instrument custodians, John Severson, John Santorineos, Andrew Anderson, and Alden Erickson; board members, Robert Turner, Gary Hadaway, Henry Sing, and David Perona.

Several of the band members entered contests as soloists, and the band participated in the I. H. S. A. and I. G. S. B. A. Everyone is very proud of the band's accomplishments this year. Much credit is due to the director, Mr. A. R. McAllister.

BEGINNING BAND

Someone once said, "Great oaks from little acorns grow." This old adage could aptly be applied to the beginning band. The members become familiar with their instruments in this initial phase of training, and after much practice they will join the concert band.

If the beginners wish special instruction, they may take private lessons from some of the members of the Joliet American Legion Band. These teachers come to Minooka several days a week.

In order to qualify for the beginning band, a student must be at least in the fourth grade. Here is a list of the 1954-55 beginning band members and the instruments which they play: Richard Platt, Susan Stafford, Jacquelyn McCoy, Nicholas Santorineos, Thomas Williamson, Walter Heap, and Kathleen Fleming — cornet; Coady Erickson played the trumpet; Steven Hadaway, Donald Davidson, Gordon Bentson played trombone; Charlene Hextell, the flute; Diana Littlefair, Larry Duffy, Keith Flatness — clarinet; James Shearer — bass; and Kathleen Thompson, James Anderson—drums.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Donald Davidson, Steven Hadaway, Charlene Hextell, Gordon Bentson, Diana Littlefair, Keith Flatness, Larry Duffy, Coady Erickson, James Shearer, Richard Platt, Nicholas Santorineos, Kathleen Thompson, Ronnie Williamson, James Anderson, Jacquelyn McCoy, Walter Heap, Kathleen Fleming, Susan Stafford.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student body elected two students from each class at the beginning of the school year to represent them on the Student Council. These representatives were: Senior Class, June Wilhelmi, Tom Kemp; Junior Class, Joan Feeney, Gary Hadaway; Sophomore Class, Joan Knudson, Tom Murley; and Freshman Class, Kathryn Williams, Milos Konjevich. This group met with Mr. Siron, the principal, to discuss various problems that affected the school and the students.

Matters discussed by the council were: school parties, gum chewing, and student transportation to basketball games. Rules were made for the cheerleaders. Noon-day recreation was also discussed. A constitution was written by the members and accepted. Assembly programs were sponsored throughout the year by the council.

The officers for the year were: president, June Wilhelmi; vice-president, Tom Murley; secretary, Gary Hadaway.

The aim of the council is the improvement of both the student and the school. The council belongs to both the State and the National Organizations of Student Councils.

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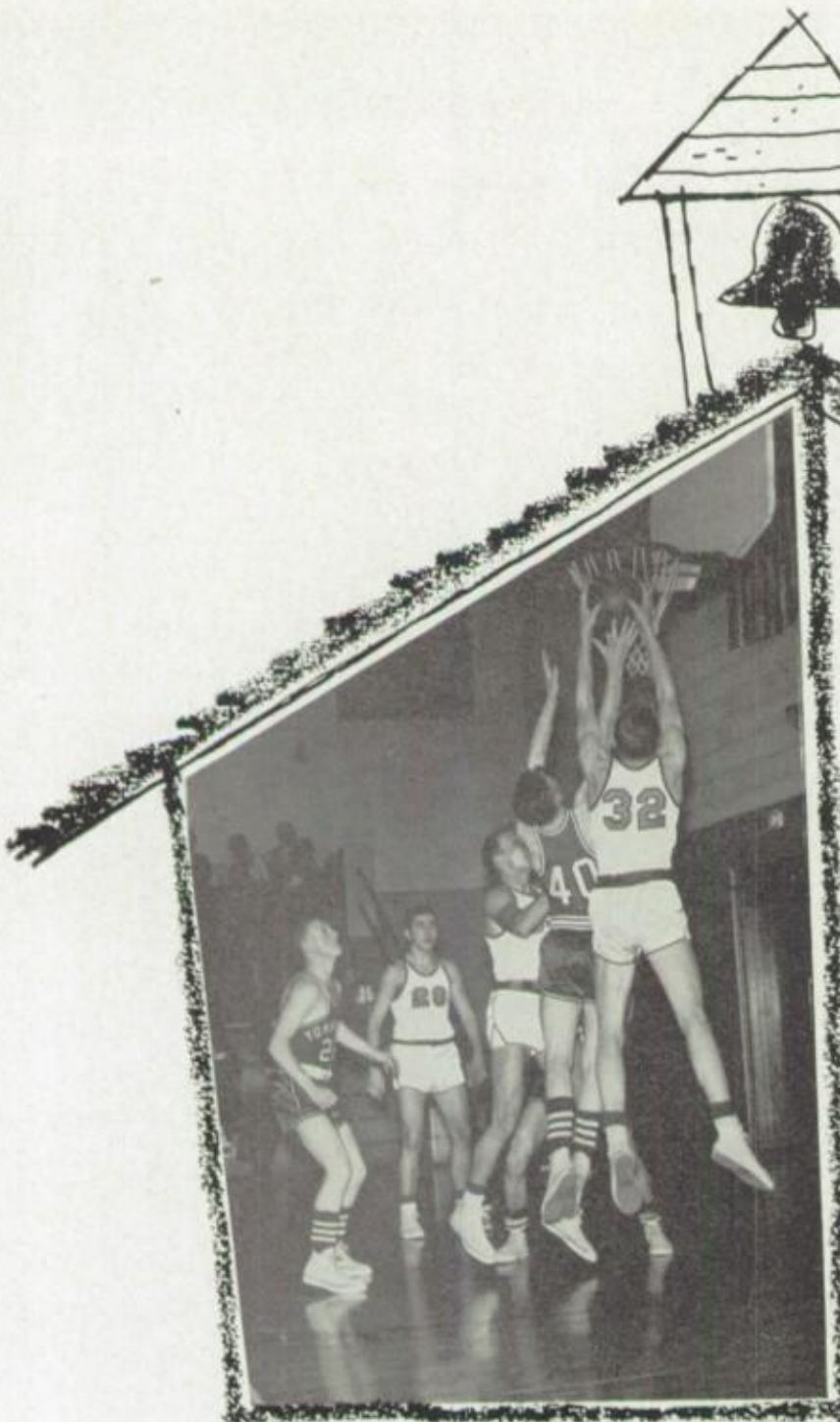
STANDING: Thomas Kemp, Thomas Murley.



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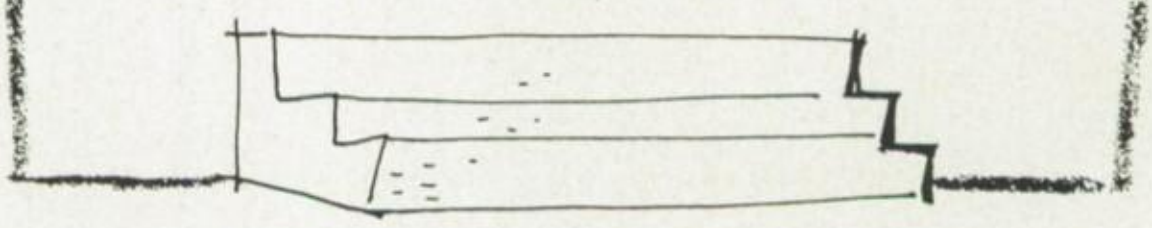

CHEERLEADERS

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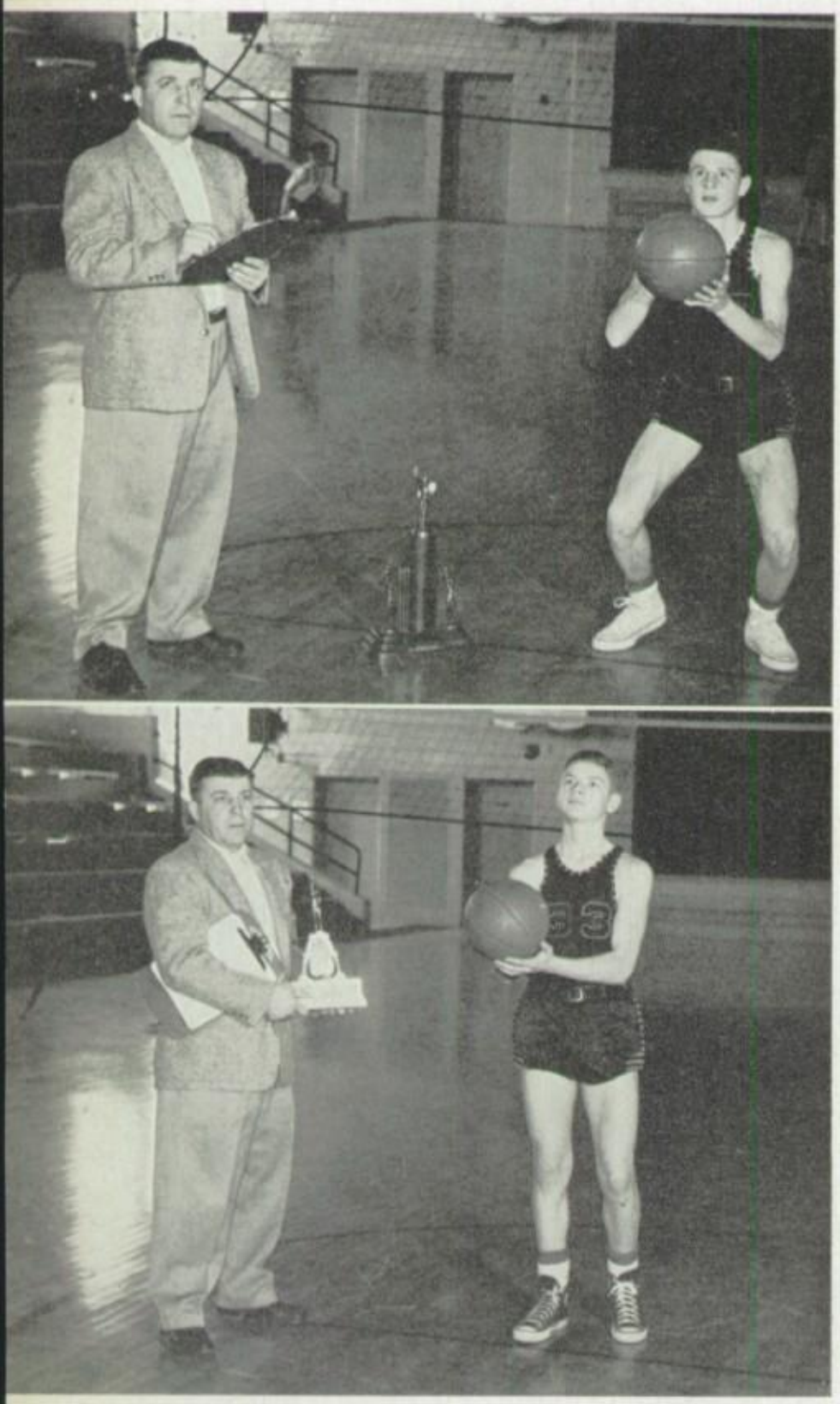

MEMORIAL TROPHIES

The rules, this year, have made basketball a battle of free throws. At no other time in the game's history has the free throw been the winning factor in so many contests.

Naturally, since Minooka awards two trophies for the players making the highest percentage of their free throws, interest in this phase of the game ran high.

Charles Brown won the Wayne Thompson Memorial Trophy with a phenomenal 84 per cent free throw average. Congratulations for a fine record, Charlie.

Another sharpshooter in the Charity Circle for the B-Team was John Stegman. John was awarded the Robert Rushton Memorial Trophy for his 65 per cent free throw average. This good shooting average made John an asset to the B-Team. Nice work, John.

FIRST ROW: Mr. Dorick, Coach, John Severson, Earl Shearer, Henry Sing, Gordon Murley, Thomas Kemp, Joseph Guglielmetti, Thomas Murley, Charles Brown.

SECOND ROW: Keith Knudson, Larry Todd, Gary Hadaway, Robert Turner, Russell Miller, James Hancock, Ronald Dirst, John Stegman, Donald Sage, John Findlay.

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FOURTH ROW: Danny Konjevich, Tom Parris, Arthur Hutchinson, Bobbie Avery, Harold Saltzman, Andrew Anderson, William Frederick, Milos Konjevich, LeRoy Vaksdal.

BASKETBALL

The 1954-55 basketball season proved to be a rough one for the Indians, but they made the best of it.

The Indians defeated Serena by one point, the first victory of the season. The team then won three more games, but dropped four before entering the Holiday Tournament at Gardner.

At Gardner the team went into the finals by beating Reddick in the first round and Gardner in the second round. The Indians took second place in the tournament, bowing to Odell Community in the finals.

Before entering the Conference Tournament the Indians had won one more game and lost two.

The Conference Tournament was held in Minooka. The Indians on their home floor beat Yorkville in the first round and went to the finals. Minooka met Plainfield in the finals and defeated them to win the Conference Tournament for the third straight year. The Indians also regained the fox from Plainfield.

The Indians won six more games and lost one before entering the District Tournament at Serena.

In the District Tournament the team was beaten in the first game of the tourney by Serena.

The Team came in second in the Fox Valley Conference. The Indians ended the season with a record of sixteen wins against nine defeats.

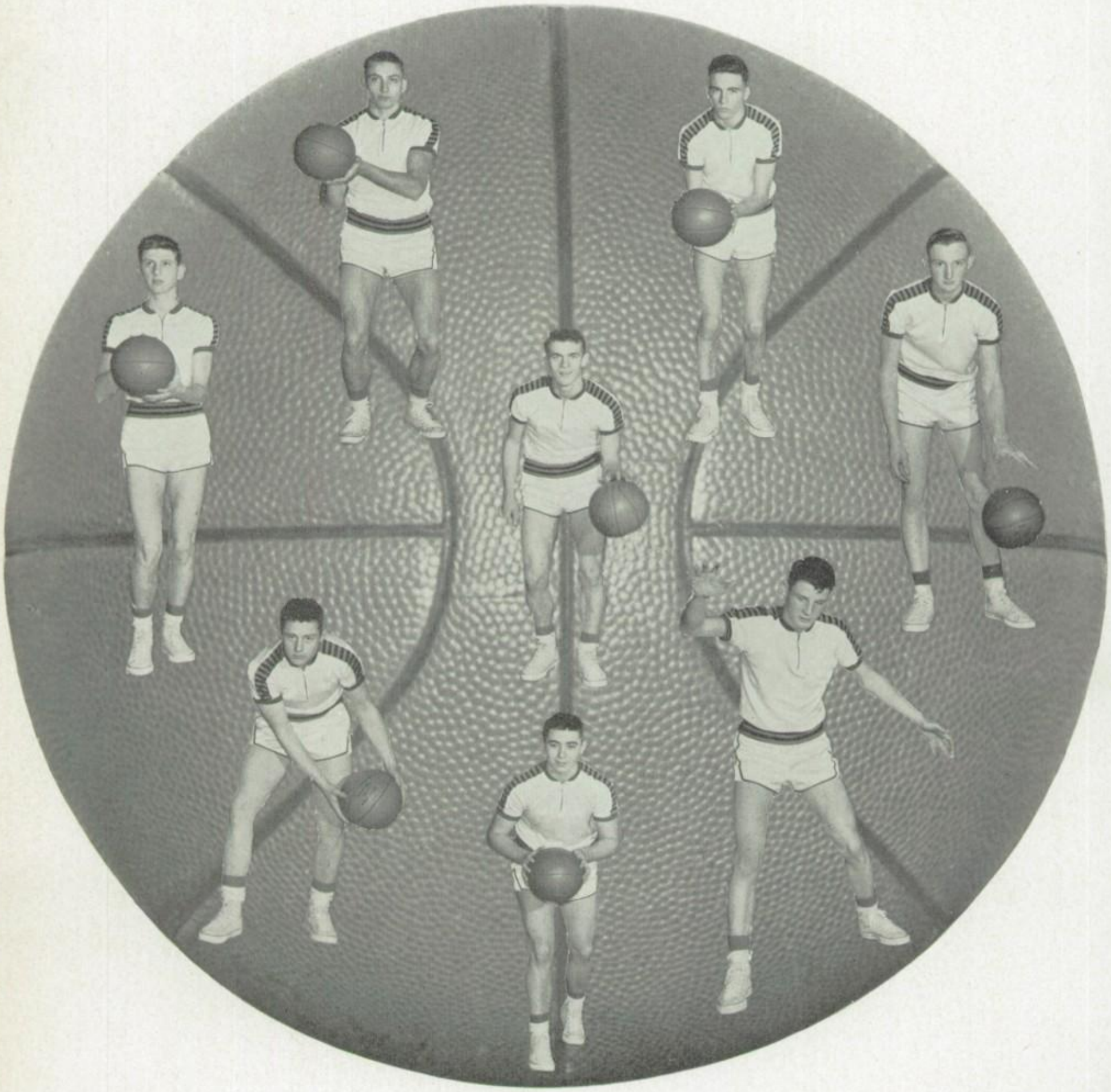
The Wayne Thompson Memorial Free Throw Trophy was awarded to Charlie Brown of the varsity, who had an eighty-four per cent average.

The Robert Rushton Memorial Free Throw Trophy went to John Stegman of the junior varsity, who had a sixty-five per cent average.

The Seniors on the varsity were: Joseph Guglielmetti, Earl Shearer, Tom Kemp, Henry Sing, and Gordon Murley.

The basketball season would not have been so successful if it weren't for the support of the faculty, cheerleaders, students, the fans of the community, and the coaching of Mr. Dorick.

OUR CAGERS



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GORDON MURLEY
Position — Forward
Letters, 3 — Senior

JOSEPH GUGLIELMETTI
Position — Guard
Letters, 1 — Senior

HENRY SING
Position — Center
Letters, 3 — Senior

TOM KEMP
Position — Forward
Letters, 1 — Senior

JOHN SEVERSON
Position — Guard
Letters, 1 — Junior

TOM MURLEY
Position — Guard
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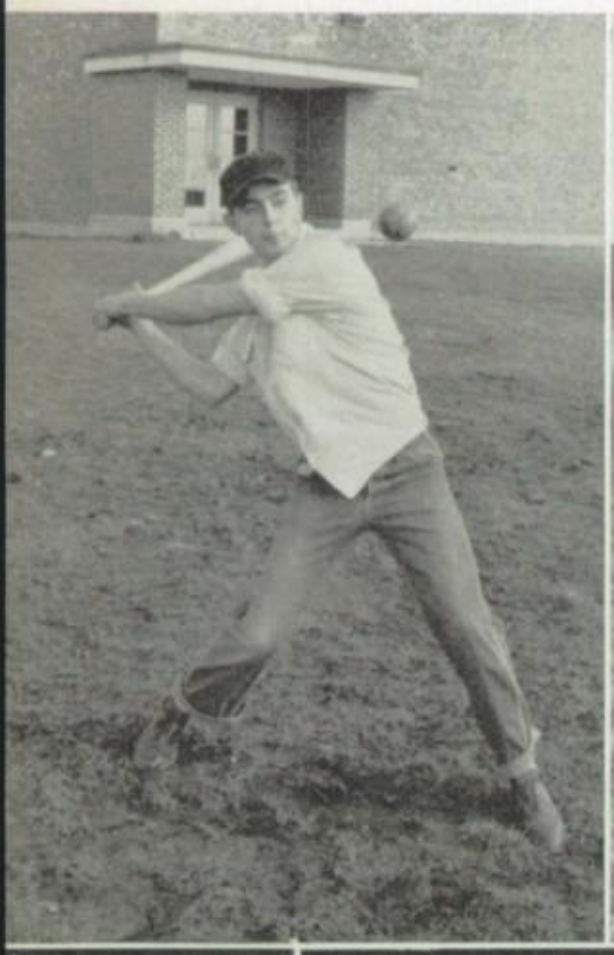


BASKETEERS IN ACTION

MINOOKA BEATS LEMONT

LEMONT (Special)—Minooka ... night in the Lemont gym.

The victory was the third ... gainst two defeats for Minooka. ... Forward Tom Kemp was high- ... ont man for Minooka with 18 ... oints. Center Henry Sing was ... econd with 16. Lemont's high ... corer was guard Sid Zaklin, ... ho hooped 11.

In the frosh-soph contest, Mi...

Minooka Wins in FVC Meet, 32-24

MINOOKA, (Special)—Yorkville ... applied a stall, but host ... ooka rose up to a 32-24 victory Th... Conference basketball tournament.

In the sophomore division, New... ack.

Plainfield's varsity swings into ... 8:30 p. m. The winner of that ... ame plays Minooka for the ... hampionship Saturday night. ... Newark's sophs meet the winner ... f tonight's Yorkville-Plainfield ... uel for the underclass title ... aturday.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Minooka 32, Yorkville 24. (Varsity)
Newark 43, Minooka 38. (Soph.)

GAMES TONIGHT
6:00—Yorkville vs Plainfield. (Soph.)
7:30—Plainfield vs Newark. (Varsity)

Yorkville's press worked effec... ively against Minooka for almost ... he full four quarters until, with ... wo minutes to go in the game ... nd the score tied 22-22, the In... ians broke loose with 10 points ... hile holding Yorkville to two.

Minooka held leads of 4-2 at ... he end of the first quarter, 15-12 ... t halftime and 19-15 at the end ... f the third frame.

Tom Kemp with 12 points and ... Gordon Murley with 9 paced ... Minooka. Fred McKeever scored ... 4 for Yorkville.

Minooka Tops Plainfield by 42-31 Margin

MINOOKA (Special) — After ... eing held scoreless thru the ... rst period by a radical Plain... ield stall, Minooka's Indians ... oved out against the Wildcats ... ith enough points in three peri... ds for a 42-31 win here Friday ... ght.

Minooka, Odell Vie Tonight For Gardner Tourney Crown

Minooka Deals Coal City Five 67-47 Setback

Indians Stop Host Gardner, 70 to 59

MINOOKA WINS, 69-50

YORKVILLE, (Special) — Mi... nooka's Indians moved into a...

MINOOKA WINS 79-65

MINOOKA, (Special) — Minoo... ka's Indians bounded to an early ... lead which they held through four ... periods of rugged basketball to ... stop league leading Newark, 79-65 ... in a Fox Valley Conference ... game here Friday night.

Although Newark cut the lead ... at one time in the fourth period

Minooka (79)	B	F	P	Gardner (59)	B	F	P
G. Murley, f	7	4	3	Herrle, f	0	0	0
Shearer, f	0	0	1	L. Sorensen, f	6	3	4
Kemp, f	4	3	3	Zanello, f	0	0	3
Hancock, f	0	0	3	Lentz, f	0	0	1

Minooka Win, Tie for Lead

OSWEGO, (Special) — Plain... field leveled all its big guns at ... Oswego here Friday night, scor... ing 31 points in the second quar... ter and dropping Oswego, 82-5... in a Fox Valley Conference game.

Plainfield moved into a three... way tie for first place, with a 3... record, tied with Minooka and ... Newark.

MINOOKA TRIUMPHS

WILMINGTON (Special) — With forward Henry Sing pouring in 26 points, Minooka defeated Wilmington 92 to 78, Tuesday night. The result almost exactly reversed the score in a previous meeting between the two teams. Wilmington won that one by 16 points.

Rick Anderson of Wilmington topped scorers on both sides with 31 points, on 11 baskets and nine free throws, and Bob Howard made nine field goals. Wilmington frosh-sophs won the preliminary, 50 to 38.

Minooka Stops Plano, 74-57; For 10th Win

PLANO (Special) — Paced by Gordon Murley with 21 points and Henry Sing with 19, Minooka ... the better marksmen in the contest. They connected on 27 of 59 field goal attempts for 46 per cent. Gardner earned 21 baskets ... with just seconds left.

Minooka Wins Title, 78-71

MINOOKA (Special)—The M... nooka Indians won the Fox Va... ley Conference title for the thi... straight year here last nig... when they outscored Plainfie... 78-71.

Minooka's uncanny ability ... the foul line told the story: ... hit 34 out of 39 free throws.

Minooka was led by its hig... scoring center, Henry Sing, wh... sank 7 baskets and 16 free throw... for 30 points and Forward To... Kemp, who dropped in 9 baske... and 9 charity tosses for 27 point...

Minooka led throughout th... closely fought game and didn... extend its lead until the fourt... quarter when the Indians ou... scored Plainfield 19-12.

High scorer for Plainfield wa... letter Jack Krumwided wh... sacked through 10 goals and ... foul shots to total 25 points f... the evening.

Earlier this season, Plainfie... beat Minooka, 66-64.

Box score:

Minooka (78)	B	F	P	Plainfield (71)	B	F	P
G. Murley, f	4	4	4	Wysock, f	3	2	3
Kemp, f	9	9	3	Johnson, f	1	2	3
Sing, c	7	18	4	Bentley, f	3	2	3
G. Murley, g	6	0	2	Klumpp, c	10	7	3

Minooka Tops Serena 66-65 In 1st Game

SERENA, (Special) — Gordo... Murley rolled in a basket and ... free throw in the final minute ... play to lead Minooka's Indians ... a one-point, 66-65 win over Seren... here Friday.

The Serena five led by on... point in the final minute, whe... Murley drove in for a layu... made the basket, and was fouled ... He made the free shot awarde... him to provide a margin of vi... tory, even though Jack Arnes... came down and scored for Seren... with just seconds left.

Henry Sing of Minooka led th... Indians in scoring with 19 point... but Mundorff at the pivot fo... Serena topped all scorers with 2... markers.

Minooka led, 19-13 in the firs... frame, 32-27 in the second an... 50-48 in the third.

The Minooka Sophs won 46-3...

Box score:

Minooka (66)	B	F	P	Serena (65)	B	F	P
Murley, f	4	0	2	Demaleo, f	4	2	
Kemp, f	4	2	3	Arneson, f	4	2	

SEASON'S SCORES

Minooka 66	Serena 65
Minooka 51	Blue Island 54
Minooka 63	Wilmington 76
Minooka 42	Plainfield 31
Minooka 84	Lemont 41
Minooka 89	DePue 102
Minooka 46	Newark 50
Minooka 87	Oswego 56

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Minooka 65	Reddick 57
Minooka 70	Gardner 59
Minooka 69	Odell 77

Minooka 69	Yorkville 50
Minooka 56	Serena 81
Minooka 66	Plainfield 64
Minooka 32	Yorkville 24

Minooka 78	Plainfield 71
Minooka 74	Plano 57
Minooka 79	Newark 65
Minooka 62	Oswego 63
Minooka 92	Wilmington 78
Minooka 67	Coal City 47
Minooka 72	Orland Park 62
Minooka 85	Yorkville 62

FIRST ROW: Loran Good, Robert Turner, Henry Sing, Edward Stegman, Thomas Kemp, Gordon Murley, Earl Shearer, Patrick Conroy.

SECOND ROW: John Severson, Robert Avery, Keith Knudson, LeRoy Vaksdal, Thomas Murley, Gerald Emmert, Harold Saltzman, Gary Hadaway.

THIRD ROW: Mr. Dorick, Coach, John Findlay, Lawrence Todd, Arthur Hutchinson, Milos Konjevich, David Perona, Russell Miller, James Hancock, Ronald Dirst.

FOURTH ROW: Leonard Peterson, Robert Wilhelmi, Raymond Burkhalter, John Stegman, Donald Sage, Glenn Sing.

BASEBALL

	SCORES		
Minooka	7	Wilmington	12
Minooka	20	Plainfield	1
Minooka	12	Oswego	7
Minooka	21	Yorkville	5
Minooka	3	Newark	4
Minooka	2	J.C.H.S.	9
Minooka	20	Yorkville	2
Minooka	9	Plainfield	0
Minooka	15	Oswego	0
Minooka	11	Newark	1
Minooka	18	Wilmington	11

Minooka High School finished the baseball season with an 8-3 win and loss record and Minooka's first conference title. Minooka defeated Plainfield twice, 20-1 and 9-0, with Richie Severson pitching a one hit and no hit game respectively. Oswego and Yorkville also fell twice. Minooka lost its opener to Wilmington but beat them in the return game. Minooka split with Newark losing the first 4-3 and winning the second 11-1. The team fell to Joliet Catholic High School in the opener of the District, 9-2.

GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

FIRST ROW: Vada Knudson, Marilyn Bretsch, Betty Borders, Beverly Cook, Jeanen Bohnstengel, Linda Frederick, Joan Knudson, Karen Nichols, Sharon Peterson, Miss Kasak.

SECOND ROW: Charlene Heap, Margaret McCoy, Laverne Spencer, Phyllis Baker, Margaret Vaksdal, Karen Brown, Joyce Greenbeck, Kathryn Williams, Janet Borders, Barbara Morgan, Margaret Good, Mrs. Ricketts.

THIRD ROW: Elizabeth Contracieri, Leona Pehlke, Jacqueline Hancock, Barbara Binkele, Patricia Anderson, Phyllis Avery, Ruth Montgomery, Betty Forbes, Virginia Wallin, Joanne Patten, Lois Severson, Beverly Todd.

FIRST ROW: Margaret Avery, Judith Todd, Marilyn Stafford, Rosemary Vickery, Nancy Vickery, Dora Buell, Carol Lundstrom, Aileen Torkelson, Karen Sandstrom.

SECOND ROW: Carol Dixon, Joanne Coop, June Wilhelmi, Sophie Konjevich, Ferne Schimmel, Barbara Allen, Beverly Schimmel, Patricia Torkelson.

THIRD ROW: Miss Kasak, Edna Smith, Lois Jennings, Janet Erickson, Yvonne Ferguson, Alice Van Cleave, Joan Feeney, Caryl Churchill, Mrs. Ricketts.

FIRST ROW: Jay Erickson, Joseph Breen, John Duvall, Harold Breen, Joseph Guglielmetti, Charles Brown, Tom Morgan.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Hentze, Coach; Richard Zarley, William Stafford, Gerald Feeney, Tom Parris, William Frederick, Danny Konjevich.

THIRD ROW: Andrew Anderson, Robert Karr, Ralph Ditch, Walter Bradley.

TRACK

A completely new minor sport was added to Minooka's program in 1954 that proved to be interesting and active to the participants. Track is an excellent body building activity, and it will form an integral part in the sports program.

Three track meets were held last year — all of them in Minooka. Our team met Wilmington twice and Mazon once. Although our team was defeated three times, the team gained valuable experience that it may use to advantage this year.

The team entered the district track meet at Kankakee. There, the team again developed in experience and had an opportunity to observe the techniques of other athletes.

Five returning lettermen carried the Minooka banner this spring. Their names are: Harold Breen, Jay Erickson, Joseph Breen, John Duvall, and Charles Brown.

The events that the team participates in are: The one mile run, one-half mile run, one-quarter mile run, 220 yard dash, 100 yard dash, high jump, broad jump, discus, shot put, hurdles, and the one mile relay.

ELEMENTARY

EIGHTH GRADE

Darlene Anderson
Raymond Clennon
Edwin Feeney

Richard Feeney
Patricia Gambee
Barbara Heap

Margery Knudson
Carol Link
Mary Lundstrom

Joyce Murley
Anita Santorineos
Maxine Todd

Duane Winkel
Mr. Downs
Earlene Banner

FIRST ROW: James Anderson, Gordon Bentson, James Davidson, Russell DeLong, Coady Erickson.

SECOND ROW: Edward Gannon, James Hadaway, Katherine Holbrook, Helene Norton, Ronald Olsen.

THIRD ROW: Ernest Pehlke, Walter Pehlke, Larry Peterson, Laverne Peterson, Sheila Shearer.

FOURTH ROW: Richard Thomas, Glenda Todd, Charlene Hextell.

SEVENTH GRADE

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

Since we were studying weather in geography and decided we could learn more by actively reporting the daily weather, we began the school year by establishing a weather station. Some of the boys built barometers, wind direction indicators, and other devices.

Each year the school has a magazine drive and a turkey raffle to help defray the cost of the yearbook. This year the seventh and eighth grades ranked first in the magazine drive. Coady Erickson was the high salesman from our room. For winning our reward was a field trip.

In early December the class went on a field trip. We visited the Illinois Clay Products Co. and the Morris Paper Mill. The trip proved to be educational as well as a great deal of fun. At both locations, guides showed and explained the complete manufacturing process. We were given samples of the products of each company.

The class held a hobby show in January for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Most of the students exhibited a hobby of some kind. We had a stamp collection, a doll collection, a sword collection, a toy horse collection, and many models. All the grade school classes were invited to this show and enjoyed it very much.

We had four parties during the year. Our Halloween party was first. Everyone came in costume and they were judged in the gym by Mrs. Coady, Mrs. Churchill, and Mr. Wilken. Kay Holbrook was judged prettiest; Darlene Anderson, the ugliest; and Raymond Clennon, the funniest. Afterward, refreshments were served in our room.

Our other three parties were the Christmas party, the Valentine's party, and the weiner roast at the end of the year. We exchanged gifts at the Christmas party and gave valentines to each other at the Valentine's party. We ate outdoors and played games at the weiner roast.

Our class held a skating party at Muffler's skating rink in Morris. We all sold tickets, and the profit we made was used to buy the material to make Christmas presents for our parents.

We all enjoyed making the Christmas gifts. Some of us made metal craft pictures; and others, wooden articles such as wall shelves and telephone pads. The metal craft pictures required a great deal of work as the background on these pictures had to be tapped by hand. The wooden articles were varnished six or seven times and polished to a high lustre.

Barbara Heap, Glenda Todd, Patty Gambee, and Anita Santorineos were our cheerleaders. They made their own costumes and developed their own cheers. That they did a good job was indicated by the cheering at the basketball games.

The '54-'55 school year was indeed, a fruitful one. Throughout the year we were engaged in many new activities which added to our pleasure. It is with sadness that we see this year end.

SIXTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Barbara Beasley, Carol Blair, Judith Bohnstengel, Rosemary Breen, Edward Brown, Beryl Churchill.

SECOND ROW: Lynda Connor, Joseph Coyne, Stephen Davis, Richard Dirst, Thomas Fleming, Warren Gallinger.

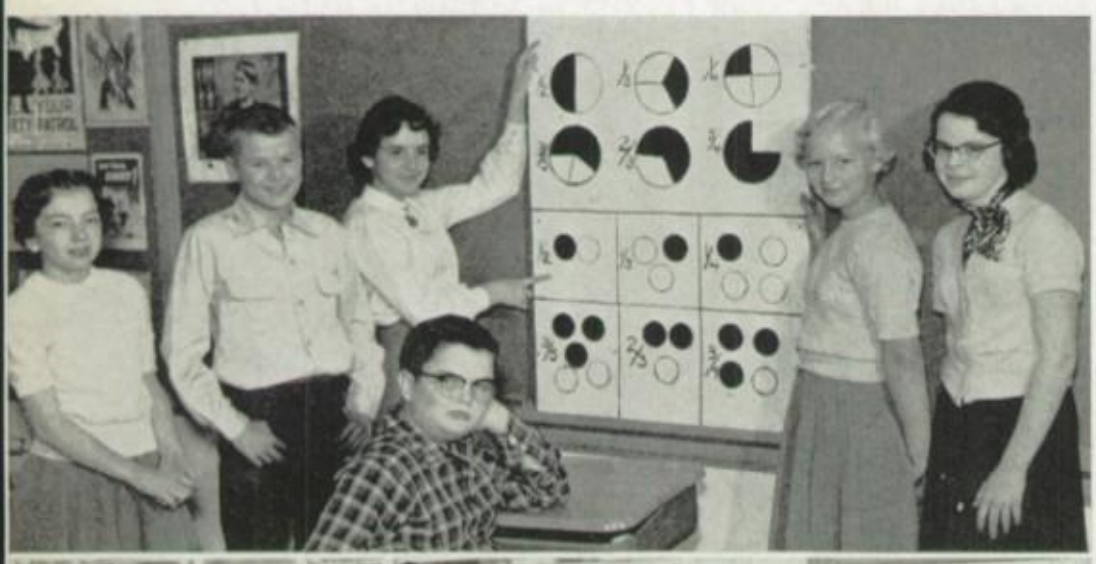
THIRD ROW: Wanda Good, Larry Hinchliffe, Bruce Knudson, Joyce Lundstrom, Joseph Olsen, Betty Peterson.

FOURTH ROW: Bonnie Peterson, John Santorineos, Donald Schimmel, Carla Shearer, Elizabeth Singer, Fred Singer.

FIFTH ROW: Leon Steffes, Richard Todd, Judith White, Sharon Winkler, George Winterbottom, Miss Peterson.

THE SIXTH GRADE

On the 30th of August, 1954,
Thirty sixth graders swarmed thru the door;
With bright, shiny faces
They all took their places,
And, Miss Peterson said,
"What am I in for?"



There were two new pupils, George Winterbottom from Dresden Hill School and Stephen Davis from Center School in Morris. It is the first time in Minooka School that the fifth and sixth grades have not shared a room.

On September 3, we had our first Citizenship Club meeting. We voted to name our club "The Sixth Grade Hustlers." We also elected officers for the first semester. They were Lynda Connor, president; George Winterbottom, vice-president; Beryl Churchill, secretary; and Joseph Coyne, treasurer. We all paid twenty-five cents a year for club dues, with which we bought material for science experiments and art.

We have two aquariums in our room, in which we have seven tropical fish, two goldfish, and a snail.

At the Halloween Carnival we had charge of the jewelry booth. We were very grateful to all the people who contributed used jewelry to us.

On October 28th, we had our Halloween Party. The children chosen for the best costumes were: Barbara Beasley, prettiest; George Winterbottom, ugliest; and Larry Hinchliffe, funniest. They were all given silver dollars for prizes. A special award was presented to Miss Peterson, who dressed in costume and was named "Grand Champion." After the awards, we had a parade, led by the band. When we came back to school, every room had a party.

We went by bus on November 4 to see "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Morris High School. We enjoyed this play very much.

In December, all the grades from fourth on had a turkey raffle. We were very proud to be the highest selling room in the school. Carla Shearer, from our room, was the high salesman of the school, so she won a turkey.

Our Christmas Party was on December 23, and everyone received a very nice present. After we came back from our Christmas vacation, we had semester tests.

At our Valentine's party we exchanged many cute cards.

We all looked forward to spring and summer, and when we return next fall, we hope to be in seventh grade.

FIFTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: James Attebery, James Breen, Francine Campbell, Richard Clark, Richard Coyne, Emelia DeCicco.

SECOND ROW: Chandra Dorick, Charity Dorre, Larry Duffy, Lawrence Dwyer, Keith Flatness, Thomas Geistler.

THIRD ROW: Russell Gross, Charlene Hancock, Walter Heap, Linda Link, Kay Moore, Frederic Offerman.

FOURTH ROW: Linda Sandstrom, James Shearer, Rex Siron, David Stafford, Marie Talkington, Janet Vaksdal.

FIFTH ROW: Ronnie Williamson, Mrs. Davis.

THE FIFTH GRADE

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. So it was for twenty-six of us entering the fifth grade. We returned to the same room we were in last year with Mrs. Davis as our teacher.

We had much planning to do to get our year under way and everyone was ready to help. Our "Good Citizen" Club was organized with Keith Flatness as president; Walter Heap, vice-president; Janet Vaksdal, secretary; Richard Clark, treasurer. We formed committees for room duties, library, decorating, and entertaining.

During October, we helped with the all-school carnival sponsored by the Music Boosters. We had fun decorating our homemade candy booth and twice as much fun selling the candy. We also learned much about handling money and making change.

Our first party was our Halloween party. We all dressed in fitting costumes and paraded around the gym to be judged. There were so many interesting costumes we felt sorry for the judges. They selected Kay Moore, funniest; Chandra Dorick, prettiest; Keith Flatness, ugliest. The prizes were silver dollars.

We were happy to have so many mothers visit us during Education Week in November.

Christmas is such a gay time and is over too soon. Our committees decorated our room in keeping with the holiday spirit. We made button boxes from coffee cans for our mothers and some of us painted weeds that made very pretty bouquets. We learned many Christmas songs which we sang at our Christmas program. After our party and gift exchange, school recessed for a ten-day vacation.

On January 3, 1955, we returned eager to resume our studies and happy to see all our friends again. Semester exams were soon over, and we tackled the last half of the year. One of our pupils, Larry Duffy, moved to Joliet. We were sorry to lose Larry.

Many of our boys made the grade school basketball team this year. We were very proud of them.

Soon it was February. We studied about our two great Presidents, and we also drew names for a Valentine party with treats and games.

Our class looked forward to springtime with its warm, sunshiny days and many interesting activities.

We have worked hard and played hard and are looking ahead toward another interesting year in sixth grade.

FOURTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Edward Anderson, Beverly Beasley, Edward Beasley, Janet Blair, Nancy Blair, John Breen.

SECOND ROW: Gregory Connor, Barbara Costello, Donald Davidson, Kathleen Fleming, Wayne Greenbeck, Wesley Gross.

THIRD ROW: Steven Hadaway, James Holbrook, Janet Kemp, Diana Littlefair, Jacquelin McCoy, Jon Murley.

FOURTH ROW: Wayne Pehlke, Richard Platt, Mitchell Santorineos, Charles Scharf, Susan Stafford, Leroy Steffes.

FIFTH ROW: Kathleen Thompson, Garnet Walker, William Wilhelmi, Tommie Williamson, Mrs. Gilbert.

FOURTH GRADE

When the school bell rang on August 31, 1954, ten girls and seventeen boys met again to greet old friends and our new teacher. We missed De Vonna Knudson, who had moved during vacation. However, a new girl, Garnet Walker, from Indiana, came to take her seat, and again we were a group of twenty-eight.

Our days were busy ones from the very beginning with new subjects, new texts, especially our new readers. We found new dictionaries and a new globe to help us with our studies. We were thrilled with our new lockers on the main floor.

Soon after the opening of school, we organized our Citizenship Club. We chose Donald Davidson as president; Diana Littlefair as vice-president; Jacquelyn McCoy as secretary; and Wesley Gross as treasurer. We outlined duties for each pupil, drew names for party committees, planned ways to earn money, and planned our year's projects.

Our first class project was a program given at the fall festival, Halloween Capers. We began practicing early in October for our pantomime, "Picnic Fun with the Broomenscheckles." Everyone in our class took part.

We could hardly wait for Halloween. All in our gala costumes, we marched to the gym where prizes were awarded to six of our class: Janet Kemp; Janet Blair and Donald Davidson; Kathleen Fleming and John Breen; and Nick Santorineos. Later we formed in line with the other classes behind our band through the streets and back to school. We returned to our room for our prizes, games, and refreshments.

During Education Week, almost every mother visited our room.

There were exciting days when many of our class enrolled in "Beginning Band" and were thrilled with new instruments. From our group the following are enrolled: Diana Littlefair, Steven Hadaway, Thomas Williamson, Donald Davidson, Kathleen Thompson, Susan Stafford, Jacquelyn McCoy, Dick Platt, Nick Santorineos, and Kathleen Fleming.

The class helped to sell Turkey Raffle tickets and were ahead in sales until the last day when the sixth grade came out winner. However, our class was second highest. Dick Platt sold eight dollars and twenty cents worth of tickets and won a dollar bill. Bill Wilhelmi held the winning turkey ticket, so he, also, won a turkey. We were very proud of Dick and Bill.

Our class met each day from 8:30 to 9:00 with Mr. McAllister in the Band Room for music. We learned many new songs; among them were Christmas songs—"Susy Snowflake," "Joy to the World," and "Uncle Mistletoe."

Besides learning these new Christmas songs, we planned gifts for our mothers. We covered round corks with colored sequins and attached them to velvet tubing for necklaces. We trimmed our tree and decorated our room. We enjoyed our gift exchange, games, and refreshments.

Our class planned a Valentine Party in February.

The boys wait anxiously for their Wednesday in the gym when Mr. Siron is instructor in basketball. During this time the girls have music with Mr. McAllister.

In art we drew pictures of animals. We plan to use our new water colors and tempera paint.

As our vacation time draws nearer, we realize we have had many days of fun and work together.

THIRD GRADE

FIRST ROW: Franklin Ashley, Joseph Attebery, Sharon Bentson, Frankie Campbell, William Castello, Edward Clennon, Karen Clennon.

SECOND ROW: Jeanette Coyne, Fred Dirst, John Dorre, Melode Flatness, Michelle Gannon, Gary Geistler, Roger Hadaway.

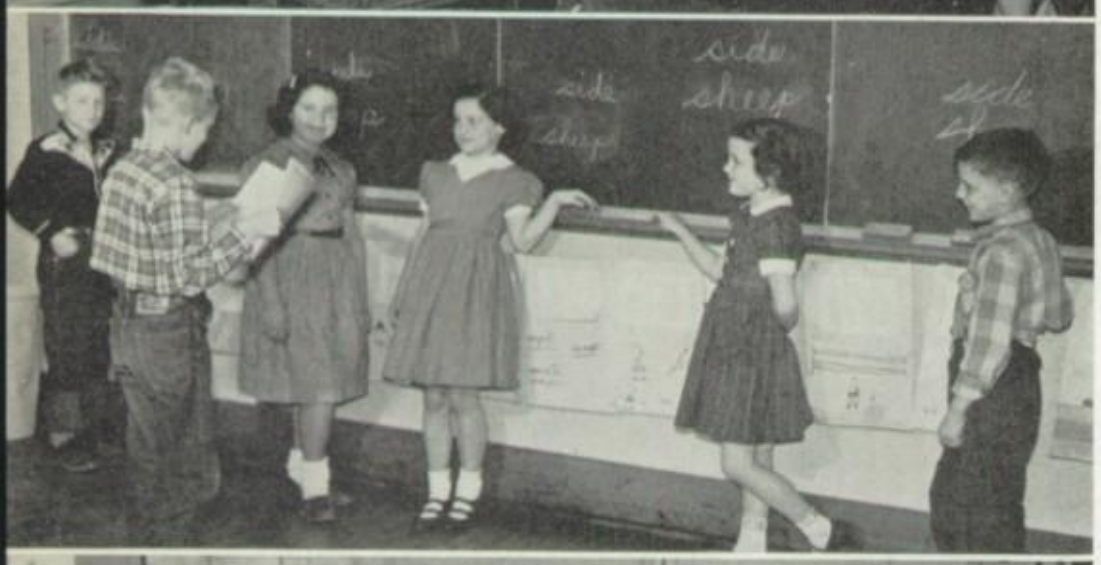
THIRD ROW: Rebecca Hancock, Gerald Hauge, Shirley Lundstrom, Sandra McAllister, Nancy Murley, Allen Olson, Allen Pehlke.

FOURTH ROW: Geraldine Peterson, Ronald Rimke, Leslie Sanders, Marguerite Schimmel, Eldon Sitzes, Keith Talkington, Linda Todd.

FIFTH ROW: Merry Faye Todd, Hansena Vandborg, Donnie Williamson, Mrs. Manthei.

THE THIRD GRADE

On the first day of school fifteen girls and nineteen boys appeared in the third grade room. It wasn't an easy thing to find that room, either. The fifth and sixth grade had left their room to us. We are so glad they did. With a new coat of paint on the walls and our happy selves in it, the room has made an interesting place to spend our third year in school. Before long one boy and one girl left for other schools, so we were then only thirty-two.



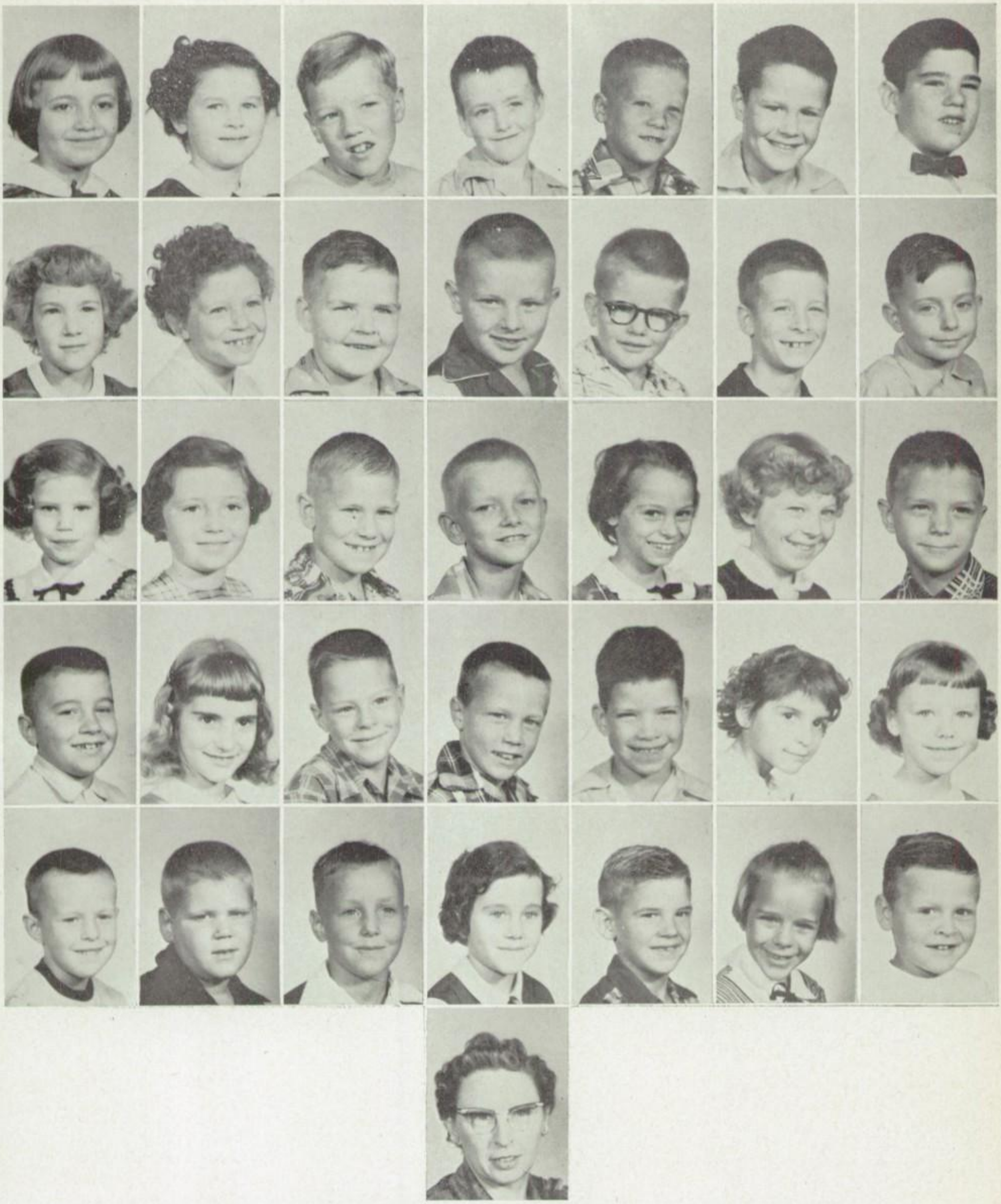
You know how those first few weeks of school always are. We were so busy getting used to our new room, books, and, of course, teacher, that time just went flying by until, before we knew it, Halloween was here. We had been so busy getting our Western Trail program ready for the fall carnival that it just didn't seem possible we were to have our Halloween party and parade, too. This year we won six prizes for our costumes. The two prettiest were Jeanette Coyne and Sandra McAllister; ugliest, Donnie Williamson and Fred Dirst; and funniest, Mike Likeness and Nancy Murley. We were so glad to get back to our room after the parade as it surely was a cold day. But we forgot the cold by the time we had eaten our lunch.

At Christmas time we found we were really growing up. When we went to visit the second grade, our old seats wouldn't fit. But then we were almost half way through third grade. The boys had been learning how to play basketball with Mr. Siron, and the girls were learning folk dancing. We had used the rhythm band instruments and enjoyed their musical clatter very much. We even sang all by ourselves in the gym at the Christmas program. That week on Wednesday we had our Christmas party and gifts. We were all so excited about Christmas and the holiday vacation that it seemed we could hardly wait.

Before we could get used to our vacation we were back in school ready to get down to the work of learning how to get into fourth grade. Carrying in addition, borrowing in subtraction, how to write letters—there seemed to be no end.

Valentine's Day and party soon came. We were so careful with our secrets. When we opened our valentine bags, everyone was happy.

Spring and the fun of playing outside soon made us think of the school picnic and time for vacation. Another year of school was over. It had gone so quickly we could hardly believe we were ready for a new room, new books, and a new teacher. Our report cards said fourth grade!



SECOND GRADE

FIRST ROW: Jayne Beshoar, Kathleen Bols, Robert Bols, Raymond, Breen, David Brown, Ronald Brown, Joseph Burby.
SECOND ROW: Julia Byrne, Judith Clark, James Clennon, Gerald Davidson, James DeCicco, Alan Dorick, Norman Duvall.
THIRD ROW: Lorraine Dwyer, Susan Everton, Daniel Friant, Ralph Gabrielson, Patricia Gross, Karen Lee Hall, Jay Hancock.
FOURTH ROW: Robert Heap, Carolyn Hughes, Lawrence Larson, Larry Platt, Wesley Sargent, Carmene Scharf, Donna Severson.
FIFTH ROW: Ronald Severson, Ralph Siron, Douglas Sitzes, Phyllis Stafford, Keith Steffes, Marsha Thomas, Paul Walker.
SIXTH ROW: Mrs. Talbot.

SECOND GRADE

When school started in the fall, there were fourteen girls and twenty-two boys enrolled in second grade. Jayne Beshoar, James Clennon, Robert Bols and Carolyn Hughes came from the Dresden Hill School. Julia Byrne moved here from Elwood and Paul Walker came from Indiana. On September thirtieth, Daniel Herbst entered our class; the same day Donna Sue Parrish moved to Joliet. Phyllis Isaacs entered November 3, and on January 3, David Keyt came from Channahon School. Paul Walker moved away, but Howard and Helen Davidson came in March. The class enrollment stayed at thirty-nine until school closed.

We worked hard all year. In numbers we learned to add and subtract. Up to this time we had been printing, so it took us a long time to learn to write. Soon we were writing sentences for our language class. Our work in reading kept us busy for we had two books to complete. We had art twice a week and gym during the winter months. Our music classes were interesting too, as well as the many movies we saw to help us with our science and health.

Besides our regular work our school year was filled with many exciting happenings.

We all enjoyed the Halloween Parade and party. Our costumes were judged and prizes were awarded to Donna Severson and Kathleen Bols for having the prettiest costumes. Judy Clark and Ronnie Severson were the funniest. Julia Byrne and Larry Platt were the ugliest.

At the School Carnival in October we sang songs, did folk dances, and put on a circus for our parents to see.

Tne bus ride to Morris, planned by Mr. Siron, to see the play "Jack and the Beanstalk," was enjoyed by all. For some, it was their first ride on the school bus.

During American Education Week, we were very proud to have forty adults and children visit our room.

Soon it was time to get ready for Christmas. We decorated our room and made decorations for our Christmas tree, given to us by the American Legion Auxiliary. We made cork calendars for our Mothers' Christmas presents. On Monday evening, December twentieth, we sang our Christmas songs for the all-school Christmas program in the gym. On December twenty-second, we presented a short program in our room for the pupils in the first, third, and fourth grades and their teachers.

In January Miss Olson invited us to the first grade room to see their Toy Show, and Mr. Downs asked us to his room to see the seventh and eighth grade Hobby Show.

It was fun on February 14, when all the boys and girls exchanged many pretty valentines. We made a special valentine for our mothers.

Time passed quickly, and now that our second year of school is finished, we look forward to happy vacation time.

FIRST GRADE

FIRST ROW: Michael Beshoar, Judith Castello, Richard Davidson, Johnette DeCicco, Darald Evans, Connie Flatness.

SECOND ROW: James Good, James Hancock, Karen Hancock, Jerry Isaacs, Orpha Knudson, Bonnie Link.

THIRD ROW: Donna McCoy, Thomas Pershey, Donald Rimke, Sherry Sanders, Rebecca Shearer, Robert Shearer.

FOURTH ROW: Agatha Siron, Steven Thorsen, Clara Todd, Pamela Todd, Diane Waddell, Jean Wildey.

FIFTH ROW: Kenneth Wilhelmi, Miss Olson.

FIRST GRADE

Our school year began with thirteen little boys and fourteen little girls about to enter upon a new adventure. There were mingled feelings of fear, wonder and happiness. It was not long before Ronald Butler moved to Joliet and Alexander Fernandez moved to Channahon. Later Diane Waddell left with her parents for Louisiana. Two new boys came to take their places. They were Mickey Herbst from Chicago and Roger Keyt from Channahon.

We enjoyed several birthday parties, but the holidays brought special fun and excitement for us. In October we had a part in the Halloween Festival. We sang several songs and did a little choral reading.

Our Halloween party day brought lots of fun. All the boys and girls dressed up in costumes, were judged, and then marched through town in the parade led by the school band. Donna McCoy and Karen Hancock were judged the prettiest; James Good and Mickey Herbst were the funniest; and Steven Thorsen and Tom Pershey were the ugliest.

During Education Week in November, we had many mothers visit our room.

December was the happiest and most exciting time of the year. We decorated our room and also the Christmas tree that was given by the American Legion Auxiliary. We made little gifts for our mothers. We sang songs as a part of the Christmas program. It was lots of fun opening our packages at our party. Mrs. Talbot invited us into the second grade room to hear a short program.

In January we had our Doll and Toy Show. We invited the second graders to see and hear us tell and sing about our nicest dolls and toys.

Our Valentine Party was the last big party of the year. We enjoyed both making and giving valentines. We had a pretty valentine box with many valentines for everyone.

Along with our fun, we also had work to do. Our reading experiences with Dick, Jane, and Sally were interesting. We also read many library books and received a colored star on our reading chart for each book read.

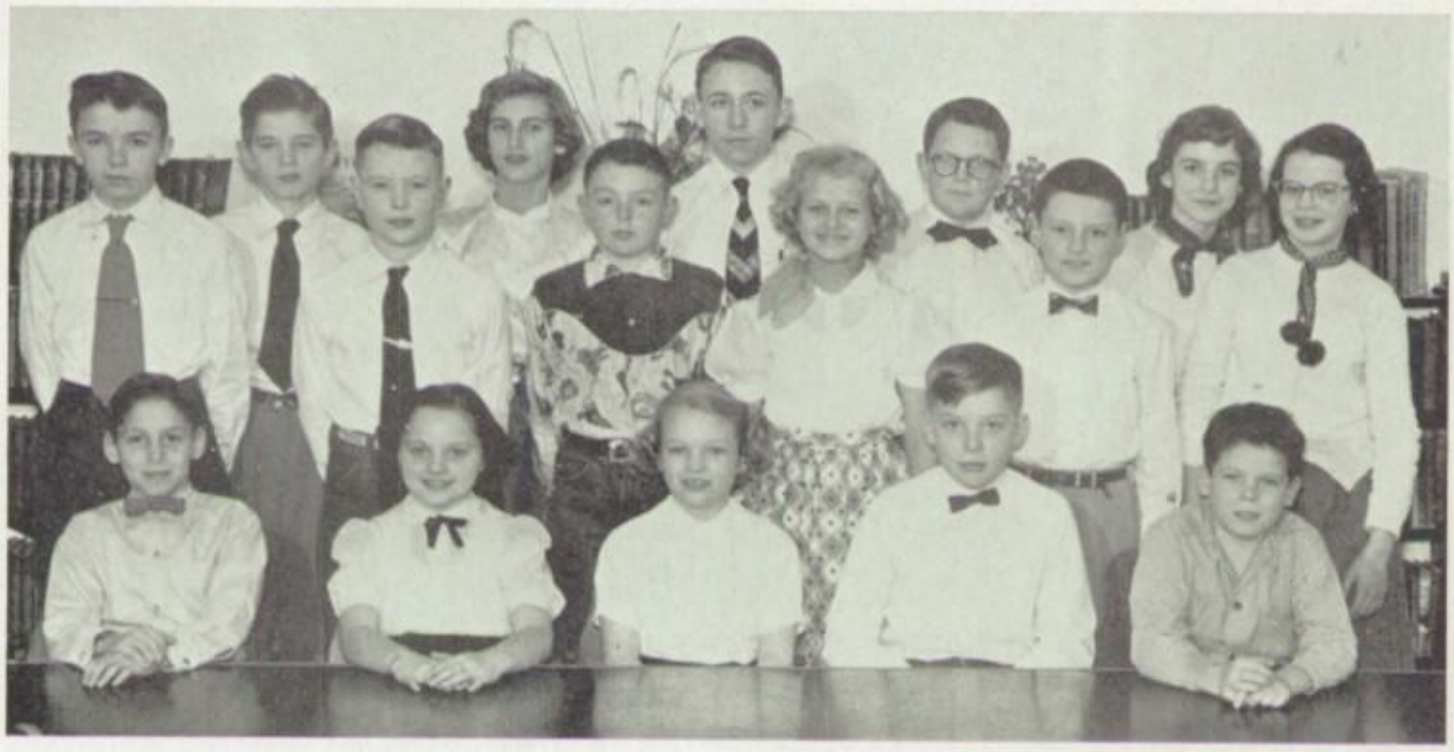
We learned about our four seasons through the adventures of Judy and Joe in our science stories.

Our art classes were fun. We enjoyed printing the best of all; but also liked to draw, color, cut and paste pictures. We made our room look pretty with our work.

We liked to sing and listen to our record player during music time.

Spring came and our first year of school life was over. A happy year had been spent working and playing together. The Minooka School's picnic marked the end of the school year and the beginning of the summer vacation.

CITIZENSHIP CLUB - SAFETY PATROL



SEATED: Wesley Gross, Diana Littlefair, Jacquelyn McCoy, Donald Davidson, Richard Clark.

SECOND ROW: Duane Winkel, Joseph Coyne, George Winterbottom, Janet Vaksdal, Richard Coyne, Lynda Connor.

THIRD ROW: Larry Peterson, Anita Santorineos, Raymond Clennon, Walter Heap, Beryl Churchill.

FIRST ROW: Richard Feeney, Duane Winkel, Larry Peterson, James Anderson, James Davidson, Richard Thomas.

SECOND ROW: Margery Knudson, Barbara Heap, Mary Lundstrom, Joyce Murley, Anita Santorineos.

FIRST ROW: James Davidson, Larry Hinchliffe, Thomas Fleming, Rex Siron, Joseph Coyne, Coady Erickson, Bruce Knudson, Edward Brown, Edwin Feeney.

SECOND ROW: Ronnie Williamson, Frederic Offerman, Lawrence Dwyer, Russell Gross, Mr. Downs, David Stafford, John Santorineos, Richard Dirst, Laverne Peterson.

THIRD ROW: Keith Flatness, Richard Coyne, Larry Peterson, Raymond Clennon, Richard Clark, George Winterbottom, Duane Winkel.

GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

There were two divisions of the grade school basketball team again this year — lightweight and heavyweight. Most players found themselves playing in both divisions at one time or another during the season. There were very few experienced hands, so the fundamental skills of passing, dribbling, and shooting were stressed. Of course, the usual stress was placed on good sportsmanship.

The teams were entered in the Desplaines Valley Conference. Both the heavyweight and the lightweight teams ranked fourth in the conference. The record for all games played was 3-10 for the heavyweights and 4-9 for the lightweights.

There were thirty boys participating in the basketball program. There were three eighth grade boys on the team, two of whom had no experience prior to this season. The seventh grade had five representatives on the team. The fifth and sixth grades each had an equal representation with eleven players. This was the first year that we used boys from the fifth grade.

What these boys lacked in experience, they made up in spirit.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

	We	They
Morris	45	54
Braidwood	18	42
New Lenox	20	40
Coal City	29	44
Channahon	17	38
Laraway	30	24
Morris	24	50
Channahon	14	30
Coal City	31	20
Wilmington	30	50
New Lenox	11	31
Plainfield	25	50
Laraway	25	37
Plainfield	22	48

LIGHTWEIGHTS

	We	They
Morris	17	53
Braidwood	17	32
New Lenox	16	32
Coal City	28	18
Channahon	30	26
Laraway	16	9
Morris	13	29
Channahon	11	16
Coal City	23	24
New Lenox	25	23
Plainfield	24	34
Laraway	12	14
Plainfield	27	30

JOLIET

Anderson's Service Station, U. S. Routes 66 and 52 Northwest Corner, Modern Cabins, Home cooked Lunches, Troy, Illinois

Barretts, Incorporated, 65 North Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois

Al Baskin's, Cass and Ottawa, Varsity Shop, Lower Level, Joliet, Illinois

Belay Office Supply, 56 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Block & Kuhl Company, Joliet's Fashion Center, Joliet, Illinois

Central Appliance Co., 110 East Jefferson Street, Phone 5737, Joliet, Illinois

Coppotelli's, Elmer W. and Edith F. Johnson, Radios, TV's, Records, Service, 24 E. Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

Corn Belt Hatcheries, Incorporated, Joliet, Illinois

Delihanty and Joliet Tobacco, Inc., Specialty Wholesalers, Joliet, Illinois

Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois

The First National Bank of Joliet, Joliet, Illinois

Globe Building Material Company, 1803 Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois

Compliments of the Hamburger Shop, Joliet, Illinois

Henneberry Buick Co., Joliet, Illinois

Hicks-Mattson Agency, Incorporated, 14 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

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Joliet Farm Market, 236 East Cass Street, Joliet, Illinois

Joliet Floral Company, 197 North Reed Street, Joliet, Illinois

The Joliet Herald-News, The Copley Press, Inc., Joliet, Illinois

Leader Tailors & Cleaners, 79 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Little Jack's, Banquets and Dinners, Fine Foods, Joliet, Illinois

Labo Florist, Joliet's Oldest Florists, 80 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Marsh's, Where Joliet Buys Its Better Footwear, 169 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois

Mattei Music Shop, 21 East Clinton Street, Joliet, Illinois

Matty's Service and Repair, Washington Street, Joliet, Illinois

McGrath Office Equipment, 25 East Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Mode, Joliet's Favorite Theatre, 18 West Van Buren Street, Phone 6944, Joliet, Illinois

Bob Mussers Sport Shop, Team and School Outfitters, Joliet, Illinois

National Bank of Joliet, Joliet, Illinois

Newkirk Transit Mix, Incorporated, 720 Collins Street, Joliet, Illinois

New Lumber Company, "A Friendly Place to Trade," Troy Road (Route 52), Joliet, Illinois

Neumode Hosiery, 33 West Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

Sonntag Funeral Home, Joliet, Illinois

Southtown Motor Sales, 379 South Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois

Compliments of Tony's Restaurant, Troy, Illinois

Weber's Rich Grade A Milk, "Best By Test," Joliet, Illinois

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Badurski's Fashion Shop, 104 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Company, Phone 31, Morris, Illinois
Bush Hatchery and Milling Company, Intersection of 6 and 47
E. W. Conley, Jewelry Store, Morris, Illinois
Davis Funeral Home, Phone 84, Morris, Illinois
Farmers Square Deal Grain Company, Morris, Illinois
First National Bank, Morris Illinois
Fosen Paint Store, Painting and Decorating, Morris, Illinois
Earl O. Fruland, Funeral Home, Morris, Illinois
Golds Store, Men's and Boys' Clothing, 408 Main Street, Morris, Illinois
Grundy County Court House Officials — Lillias K. Walker, County Superintendent of Schools; Nels P. Nelson, County Clerk; Frank Condon, Circuit Clerk; Mabel Mottz, County Treasurer; Leonard Hoffman, County Judge; John E. G. Olson, County Sheriff; August B. Black, State's Attorney; W. Clark Davis, County Coroner
Grundy County National Bank, Morris, Illinois
Hansen Poultry Store, 124 West Jefferson Street, Phone 1210, Morris, Illinois
Ralph Hume Barber Shop, 121 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Kindelspire's Auto Supply, 109-11 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Knoblich Paint Store, Phone 28, Morris, Illinois
Lasser's Furniture Company, Forty Years of Fair Dealing, Morris, Illinois
Lutzow Insuance Agency, Morris, Illinois
Main Market, Phone 17, Morris, Illinois
McKee's Drug Store, C. E. McKee, R. Ph., Walgreen's, Morris, Illinois
Moran and Walker, Inc., Pontiac Sales & Service, 216 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Morris Building and Loan Association, 424 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Morris Farm Supply Company, Ford Tractors and Dearborn Equipment, Morris, Illinois
Morris Implement Company, Minneapolis-Moline Farm Machinery, Morris, Illinois
Morris Paper Mills, Morris, Illinois
Morocco Coal Mine, Morris, Illinois
Myrick's Morris Hatchery, "Our chicks are worth crowing about," Feed, Purina Chow, Phone 76, Morris, Illinois
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Safety Service Garage, Morris, Illinois
Compliments of Joe Shock, Morris, Illinois
Sklut's, The Store for Men and Boys, Morris, Illinois
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Steele's Mobil Service, Morris, Illinois
Stephen Lumber and Fuel Company, Inc., Phone 68, Morris, Illinois
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J. M. Thompson, Meat Markets, Morris, Illinois
Harry O. Torrence, Men's Wear for Appearance Sake, Phone 738, Morris, Illinois
Uptown Sweet Shop, Marian Nelson, Morris, Illinois
Harvey Vaksdal Body Shop, Morris, Illinois
West Implement Company, Morris, Illinois
M. K. Wix & Sons, Allis-Chalmers, New Idea and New Holland Equipment, Morris Illinois
Zimmerman Drug Store, Wm. Zimmerman, R. Ph., 218 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois

CHANNAHON AND MINOOKA

Channahon Clover Farm Store, Channahon, Illinois
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Clover Farm Store, Groceries, Meats, General Merchandise, Frozen Food Lockers, Minooka 2204
Drewes Texaco Service Station, Channahon, Illinois
Frederick's Restaurant, Channahon, Illinois
Gallinger's Service Station, Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Roy A. Hare, State Farm Insurance, Minooka, Illinois
Ray Hibler, "Congratulations Graduates," Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Ray Hulbert, "Good Luck," Channahon, Illinois
Fred Littlefair, Standard Oil Company, Minooka, Illinois
Manor Inn, "Fine Foods," Highways 6 and 66, Channahon, Illinois
Manor Service Station, H. E. Sage, Phone 2193, Rt. 6 and 66, Channahon, Illinois
McCoy and Son, Phillip 66 Service Station, Greasing, Washing, Channahon, Illinois
Minooka Barber Shop, Minooka, Illinois
Minooka Grain, Lumber and Supply Company, Minooka, Illinois
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Nichols Barber Shop, Channahon, Illinois
Compliments of Phillips Hardware Store, Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rittof, "Good Luck," Channahon, Illinois
Severson Brothers, Shelling and Hauling, Minooka, Illinois
C. Thompson & Sons, Farm Drainage, Minooka, Illinois
Thompson Grocery, Monarch Finer Foods, Groceries, The Best Qualities, Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Triangle Foundry Company, Minooka, Illinois
Van Asdlen Electrical Sales and Service, General Electric Appliances, Minooka, Illinois
Van Asdlen Service Station and Garage, General Auto Repairing, Minooka, Illinois
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